



Morris Animal Foundation 2012 Veterinary Student Scholar Program

**SUBMISSIONS DUE:
Thursday, April 5, 2012**

Morris Animal Foundation is pleased to call for submissions to the Veterinary Student Scholar Program. This program provides **veterinary students** with an opportunity to become involved in research that enhances the health and welfare of companion animals (dogs, cats, horses, llamas/alpacas and companion exotics) and wildlife. The program is open to accredited colleges of veterinary medicine located in the continental United States. Each institution may select and submit only one student project for funding through the Morris Animal Foundation Veterinary Student Scholar Program.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Morris Animal Foundation Veterinary Student Scholar Program awards stipends* up to \$4,000 to veterinary students who are selected by their institution to participate in clinical or basic animal health and/or welfare research. Students enrolled in a combined DVM/PhD degree program are not eligible for this program. Students must devote a minimum of 50 percent of their time to the project for the equivalent of a 10- to 12-week period. Submissions **must** be made online by the academic institution (limit one per institution). It is the responsibility of the institution to select and submit to Morris Animal Foundation the strongest student project based on scientific merit, relevance to animal health and adherence to Morris Animal Foundation's mission.

If live animals (including client-owned animals) are involved in the project, the institution must provide both assurance that the research project complies with Morris Animal Foundation's [Health Study Policy for Animals Involved in Research](#) and an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval.

Both the student and research project must meet the program requirements to ensure receipt of funding from Morris Animal Foundation.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECIPIENTS:

Veterinary Student Scholar award recipients are invited to present a poster describing the results of their research to Morris Animal Foundation scientific advisory board members and trustees at one of three Foundation meetings. Participation in these meetings is an optional part of the program. These meetings are held the year following completion of the student research project.

Morris Animal Foundation will promote successful applicants in media and communication publications and is happy to work with institutional public relations departments to optimize these messages.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The following are required components of the submission:

NOTE: All submissions must be made online.

*Veterinary Student Scholar awards from Morris Animal Foundation are stipends, and funds awarded are for the sole purpose of supporting the student during the research period and are not eligible to be used for project expenses.

1. A completed electronic form (submissions are due **Thursday, April 5, 2012**). Do not write in all capital letters and make sure all the fields have been filled out. The information needed in the first two pages of the application pertains to personal contact information for the student and mentor(s).

2. **Attachment to the online form:**
 - a. **Project Summary:** (2-page limit; single spaced; ¾-inch margins; 11-point Times, Times New Roman or Arial font. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in disqualification.)

Summary should describe the project, the student's role in the project, the mentor's qualifications and other research or program opportunities. The submission must detail how the work will promote companion animal or wildlife health and/or welfare. The project should include diverse program opportunities, such as orientation to scientific research, ethics and appropriate use of animals in research, introduction to grant writing and publication, seminars, field trips, journal clubs, etc. Please include references and/or citations in the project summary. Note: This section must be completed by the student.
 - b. **Institutional Letter:** A letter from the institution providing a statement of the student's good standing in the professional curriculum.
 - c. **Mentor Letter:** A letter from the student's mentor(s) endorsing the student, the project and the student's specific role in that study. The letter must also describe the research environment in regards to facilities, laboratory space, field research, etc.
 - d. **Animal Involvement Justification form:** This form must be completed for all projects, regardless of live-animal involvement. For studies involving live animals, indicate the status of IACUC approval.

Please combine items listed in a, b, c and d into a single PDF document that does not exceed 5 MB.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- Morris Animal Foundation does not pay indirect costs for this program.
- Students who receive a Veterinary Student Scholar stipend will not be eligible in subsequent years.
- An official start and end date will be agreed upon by Morris Animal Foundation, the institution, the student and the mentor(s).
- Students must submit a final report for the project no later than one month after the project's end date (Morris Animal Foundation will provide a final report outline for the final report).

