



Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program 2015-2016



Merck Animal Health and American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) are pleased to launch the 2015-2016 Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program! Merck Animal Health and the AVMF are dedicated to preserving and improving the health and well-being of animals as well as honoring exceptional veterinary students across the globe. In a partnership with the AVMF, Merck Animal Health continues to show its dedication to veterinary students by providing \$170,000 in financial support to award 20 \$5,000 scholarships to students attending veterinary school in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean and 14 \$5,000 to students attending select international veterinary schools.

Merck Animal Health's partnership with the AVMF aligns with the AVMF's strategic initiative of supporting the enhancement of students of veterinary medicine. To ensure the excellence of veterinary medicine in the future, the AVMF and Merck believe in, and support, the quality of education and training of future veterinarians.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, financial need, leadership and area of interest within the profession. Awards will be equally divided between students in pursuit of a career in companion animal/equine interest and food animal/aquaculture. Under the guidelines of the Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program, the AVMF and veterinary school leadership will select and reward thirty four veterinary students for their exceptional educational accomplishments. We encourage all class of 2017 and 2018 veterinary students to apply.

STUDENT CRITERIA

Student Requirements

- Currently enrolled and in good standing at an AVMA accredited school of veterinary medicine in the United States or one of the select international schools listed at AVMF.org
- 2nd or 3rd year veterinary student
- US students must be SAVMA members (Student American Veterinary Medical Association)
- Merit based with some consideration to financial need

Program Timeline

- Application Launch
November 15, 2015
- Application Deadline
December 31, 2015
- Application Review
January 1 through February 15, 2016
- Selection Announcement
April 1, 2016
- Check Disbursement
May 1, 2016

Announcing the 2016 Auxiliary to the AVMA Legacy Endowed Scholarship Program



The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) is proud to launch the 2016 Auxiliary to the AVMA Legacy Endowed Scholarship. Having seen the need for financial aid to veterinary students, the Auxiliary voted in 1921 to establish the veterinary student loan fund. Despite the tough economic times of that era, the Auxiliary was successful in raising money to assist students. The Auxiliary's support of veterinary students has continued uninterrupted since that time. In 2013, in a partnership with the AVMF, the Auxiliary converted the loan fund to a scholarship fund. During the 2016-2017 academic year, a \$1,000 scholarship will be given to a student at each of the AVMA accredited veterinary schools in the United States and select AVMA accredited schools in the Caribbean and Canada.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Application must be submitted online at AVMF.org
- 2nd or 3rd year student in good standing at an AVMA accredited school
- Resident of the United States
- Member of SAVMA
- Strong commitment to academics with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Involvement in university-affiliated organizations, including leadership responsibilities
- Leadership and participation in non-university activities
- Financial need

TIMELINE

- Applications will be accepted from September 1 – October 15, 2016 at AVMF.org
- Applications will be reviewed October 15 – December 31, 2016
- Award notifications and check disbursement – Spring Semester 2017



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Merck Animal Health Awards \$170,000 in Scholarships to Veterinary Students

Madison, N.J., March 17, 2016 – Merck Animal Health, in partnership with the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF), today announced the recipients of the 2016 Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program. Through this program, 34 exemplary second- and third-year veterinary students from around the world will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship. All are pursuing future careers in either large animal or companion animal medicine.

“As a company rooted in science, we recognize and value the vital role veterinarians play in our world,” said Scott Bormann, Vice President, North America, Merck Animal Health. “Veterinary students’ future success is dependent on the educational foundation that we help them build. The support we offer now will not only benefit them, but also the animals and people they will impact during their careers. Merck Animal Health is proud to help support these deserving students in their educational pursuits.”

AVMF, the charitable arm of the American Veterinary Medical Association, has a 53-year history of supporting veterinary students to help offset the financial burdens that accompany veterinary medical education.

“The AVMF is devoted to ensuring the future of veterinary medicine by identifying and supporting remarkable students,” said Debborah Harp, CFRE, AVMF Executive Director. “We are honored to partner with Merck Animal Health to support these veterinary students with their education, as we are confident the work they’re doing now will help advance the medical care of animals.”

Award recipients from U.S. and international veterinary schools accredited through the AVMA were selected based on academic excellence, financial need, leadership and area of interest within the profession. The 2016 scholarship recipients are:

- Sabrina Alam, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University-Bangladesh
- Lauren Aldrich, North Carolina State University

- Abdul Alim, Bangladesh Agricultural University
- Paulyne Bellen, The Ohio State University
- Anna Biesbrock, University of California-Davis
- Erin Black, Texas A&M University
- Lauren Carroll, Texas A&M University
- Nurun Nahar Christy, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University-Bangladesh
- Courtney Doan, Michigan State University
- Ros Jezreel Dumaraos, University of the Philippines Los Banos
- Jordan Ford, Cornell University
- Miranda Fritz, University of Guelph
- Maria Patricia Gungon, University of the Philippines Los Banos
- Imam Hasan, Bangladesh Agricultural University
- Mahdi Hasan, Bangladesh Agricultural University
- Melissa Icaza, Tufts University
- Victoria Koehler, Cornell University
- Yukwah Kwok, University of Pennsylvania
- Claire LeFevre, University of Wisconsin
- Matthew Mak, St. George's University
- Anna Angelica Manalo, University of the Philippines Los Banos
- Zannatul Maoya, Bangladesh Agricultural University
- Eva Marie, Cornell University
- Samantha Morici, Auburn University
- Jacqueline Murphy, Colorado State University
- Mededi Hasan Nayeem, Bangladesh Agricultural University
- Tanvir Ahmad Nizami, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University-Bangladesh
- Josephine Noah, University of California-Davis
- Shannon Palmer, University of Saskatchewan
- Hafizar Rahman, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University-Bangladesh
- Shelbe Rice, University of Georgia
- S.M. Abdus Salam, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University-Bangladesh

- Abu Tarek, Bangladesh Agricultural University
- Melissa Wilson, Oregon State University

About Merck Animal Health

Today's Merck is a global healthcare leader working to help the world be well. Merck Animal Health, known as MSD Animal Health outside the United States and Canada, is the global animal health business unit of Merck. Through its commitment to the Science of Healthier Animals™, Merck Animal Health offers veterinarians, farmers, pet owners and governments one of the widest range of veterinary pharmaceuticals, vaccines and health management solutions and services. Merck Animal Health is dedicated to preserving and improving the health, well-being and performance of animals. It invests extensively in dynamic and comprehensive R&D resources and a modern, global supply chain. Merck Animal Health is present in more than 50 countries, while its products are available in some 150 markets. For more information, visit www.merck-animal-health.com or connect with us on [LinkedIn](#) and Twitter at @MerckAH.

About the American Veterinary Medical Foundation

The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) is the charitable arm of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), one of the oldest and largest veterinary medical organizations in the world. More than 88,000 member veterinarians worldwide are engaged in a wide variety of professional activities. For more than 50 years, the foundation has been helping veterinarians help animals with support for education, advocacy, service, and research programs and activities. Visit AVMF.org for more information.

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