



MERCK ANIMAL HEALTH 2025 Veterinary Student Innovation Award

The Merck Animal Health Student Innovation Award was created to recognize graduating seniors at each of the AVMA accredited veterinary schools in the United States and Canada. Selected students must be in good academic standing and have demonstrated innovation and/or entrepreneurial creativity in the development of a business, project or product that inspires others within the veterinary profession.

SELECTION PROCESS AND TIMELINE:

- Nominations should be sent to James McCarron, Grants and Scholarships Manager, jmccarron@avma.org.
- Submission must be received by Monday, September 30, 2025.
- Notification of award reciprocity will be sent by the end of December 2025.

SCHOOLS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- Completed nomination form (below) including the name and contact information of the selected student (Note: Students will **not** be contacted by AVMF prior to the awards announcement)
- A detailed description of why the student was selected
- A brief biography of the student
- School mailing address for the certificate and check

PLEASE ENTER TYPEWRITTEN INFORMATION BELOW

RECIPIENT'S INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

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PROJECT CATEGORY:

Please select one or more of the below categories that most closely fit the student's project.

All categories are acceptable; however, preference should be given for business-related activities if possible.

Participation in an entrepreneurial activity such as the Veterinary Entrepreneurship Academy where a student works with an existing company or develops his/her own novel product or solution

Creation of a new entity such as a school club or committee to address an unmet student need

Research and development of an App or software program which could be used for business or educational purposes

Creation of a new product or program related to the wellness of members of the veterinary profession or veterinary medicine/animal health

Development of a project that was instrumental in benefiting the health of animals in the community

Facilitation of a veterinary partnership or educational event with a non-veterinary organization or business for the purpose of promoting an interdisciplinary approach to innovation

Creation of a non-profit or for-profit entity with a focus on veterinary students or animal health

Other (please describe)

DESCRIPTION OF WHY STUDENT WAS SELECTED: (use as much space as needed)

Please provide a detailed description of the project and the student's role in the creation and administration of the project.

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BIOGRAPHY: (use as much space as needed)

Provide a biographic sketch that includes the student's background and accomplishments while in veterinary school.

Jurisdictional Dean

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address for Certificate and Check

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Please complete this form and return to James McCarron, jmccarron@avma.org,
no later than September 30, 2025.

THANK YOU!