



## Overview

The Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation (VPRF) is a non-profit organization with a mission to fund scientific research grants and training programs to develop the next generation of veterinary pharmacologists who will contribute to improving the medical treatment of animals. With administrative support from The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF), we are offering fellowships for up to \$10,000.

## 2026 Fellowship Summary

This grant will fund a one-year fellowship to support the training of a veterinary pharmacology graduate student (Master's or PhD) who is matriculated in the university graduate program at the time the application is submitted.

Up to 2 recipients will be selected for the 2026 fellowship program and each will be awarded up to \$10,000. Priority will be given to those students who demonstrate the pursuit of a career in veterinary pharmacology research for the benefit of veterinary species.

## Eligibility for Veterinary Pharmacology Research Foundation Fellowship

- The student must be enrolled in a graduate program (MS or PhD) for at least one year at time of application and be in good standing.
- The student must be enrolled in an US-based academic institution. No citizenship requirements.
- The student must be a current member of the [American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics \(AAVPT\)](#). Student membership application information is available at the AAVPT website ([www.AAVPT.org](http://www.AAVPT.org)).
  - *If you have questions about applying for or receiving your membership confirmation, please reach out to [aavptsec@gmail.com](mailto:aavptsec@gmail.com) and [GUresti@avma.org](mailto:GUresti@avma.org).*
- Student applicants must demonstrate adequate support from the university to complete their program including mentorship, facilities, and resources.

- Student applicants must agree to use the funding only for uses stipulated in the application and according to the VPRF requirements described below.
- The applicant can re-apply for a second year of funding but not for a third.
- The selection of fellowship recipients will be made by the VPRF Board. Previous fellowship support from VPRF does not guarantee future funding.

#### **Funds Can Be Used For**

Professional travel for conferences focused on professional development, training courses, and workshops

Visiting other labs for training

Membership dues to scientific societies or organizations

Publication costs for publications on which they are an author (capped at \$1000)

Software, particularly PK or PK/PD software

Books, or subscriptions, related to pharmacology

Training in the use of PK-related software

Partial stipend support of the graduate student\*

#### **Funds Cannot Be Used For**

VISA applications

University indirect costs

Tuition or student fees

Funding for animal research or benchtop research

Equipment except for software

Purchase of a new computer or tablet

Personal travel not related to training

Items not described in the fellowship application

\*This fellowship is not meant to primarily cover student stipend needs; however, a partial amount of stipend support may be requested with sufficient justification. If this is the case, please refer to our application requirements.

## **Application Requirements**

***Submit the application in a PDF file. Provide the following information combined into a single file. Final application can be emailed to: [Guresti@avma.org](mailto:Guresti@avma.org)***

- First and last name
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Email address
- Name of U.S academic institution
- Location (City/State)
- Department
- Graduate program enrolled in: MS or PhD
- Year enrolled
- Current AAVPT member status. \*Note: must be an AAVPT member to apply
- Biosketch (From template below)

### Use the following headings in your submission file

- Describe the focus area of your veterinary pharmacology graduate program. (250 words or less)
- Describe your career goals and how these funds will help you attain those goals. (500 words or less)
- Describe the reasons for the funding request, including an explanation of what the requested funds will be used for and a timeline for the use. (500 words or less)
- Describe any funding sources already available to support your graduate research program. (500 words or less)

### Faculty Mentor Details

- First and last name
- Name of U.S academic institution
- City/State
- Department
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Email address

**Three Letters of Support** (Limit to 2 single spaced pages per letter; submitted directly by email to: [Guresti@avma.org](mailto:Guresti@avma.org) )

- 1. Letter from faculty mentor:** The mentor should describe their support of the student, provide details on the faculty mentor's track record of mentoring other students, and their research productivity. The mentor should confirm that the student:
  - i. Is enrolled for at least one year and is making satisfactory progress towards a MS or PhD degree.
  - ii. Has adequate support from the university to complete their program including facilities and resources.
  - iii. Will only use the funding for uses stipulated in the application and according to our fellowship guidelines.
  - iv. If stipend support is requested, explain why this is needed, and not fully supported by other institutional sources.
- 2. Institutional letter of support:** An institutional administrative officer should provide a letter to indicate that the student is enrolled and in good standing (Associate dean for research, graduate studies, or equivalent).
- 3. One letter of reference:** A reference letter by a qualified person, other than the faculty mentor, should be included to support the candidate's application.

**Project Budget**

- Total amount of funds requested (up to \$10,000).
- The itemized budget should include: Item Description, Brief Justification, and Cost.

**Post-Approval**

- Managing your fellowship: Candidates selected as a Fellowship recipient will be asked to provide the following information:
- Photo of Student
- Brief quote from the student and/or the Faculty Mentor: recognizing VPRF/AVMF support and stating how the Fellowship will make an impact on their program and career.
- Reporting requirements: Students are required to submit a report that describes how the funds were spent and how the funding benefited the student three months after the first anniversary of funding. Failure to submit a report on time may result in the student becoming ineligible for funding from future Fellowships.

**Biographical Sketch Requirements**

**A biographical sketch should be completed for the applicant and should include all of the following items. There is a four-page limit.**

**Name and Contact Information (Title, address, phone and email)**

**Education/Training**

<b>Institution and Location</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>

**Professional Positions (List chronologically)**

**Relevant Publications (Last four years)**

**Current or Pending Grant/Assistantship/Fellowship Support (Include names, title, agency, effective dates and total amount, and what the funding covers)**

## **Additional information**

- There is no need to submit GPA or course transcript as part of application as students must be enrolled in a graduate program.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship is not required.
- Only one application is allowed per academic institution per year.
- Students must acknowledge VPRF funding on any publication or presentation at a scientific meeting from the work emanating from this funding support. The student may be invited to an AAVPT meeting to present their research if scheduling allows.
- If student withdraws from their graduate student program during the fellowship, the funds must be returned to VPRF. Funding is not transferrable to another graduate student, or to the supervisor.
- The fellowship program is not intended to support post-doctoral trainees.
- The student's academic institution will be responsible for dispersing money directly to the student and not to the faculty mentor.
- The Fellowship begins when the funding arrives at the university.

**Signature Page (Include in PDF application)**

I certify that the statements in this application are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I accept the obligation to comply with the Fellowship Guidelines if awarded a fellowship as a result of this application.

Signature

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Date:

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