MERCK ANIMAL HEALTH
2026 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. 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:

- Applications should be sent to James McCarron, Senior Manager of Scholarships and Grants, jmccarron@avma.org.
- Submission must be received by November 30, 2026.
- Notification of award recipiency will be sent in early 2027.

SCHOOLS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- Letter of good standing
- Verification of enrollment

PLEASE ENTER TYPEWRITTEN INFORMATION BELOW

APPLICANT'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 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 YOU ARE APPLYING: (use as much space as needed)

Please provide a detailed description of the project and the applicant'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 applicant's background and accomplishments while in veterinary school.

Please complete this form and return to James McCarron, jmccarron@avma.org,
no later than November 30, 2026.
THANK YOU!