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AAEP FOUNDATION RESEARCH FELLOW

There is an increasing need to train future equine veterinary researchers. Supplementing post-graduate and residency research fellowship salaries and benefits is the goal of this grant. This scholarship targets AAEP members beginning careers in equine research. Ideal candidates are graduates of an AVMA-accredited school/college of veterinary medicine who have experience conducting equine research and are nearing completion of a residency or doctorate degree. Candidates may also have recently completed a residency or doctoral program. The concept for this scholarship was born among past presidents of AAEP, who will also award the scholarship. Applicants who are seeking funding for their research project or have secured funding from other organizations are also eligible to apply, as this scholarship focuses on supporting the researcher, not the project.

Eligibility:

- Must be a graduate of an AVMA-accredited school/college of veterinary medicine
- Must be a current AAEP member
- Applicant's major advisor must be an AAEP member
- Applicants may be a graduate student or resident, or have completed a doctorate or residency program within the past 2 years
- The post-Doctoral training program must have a substantial equine research component
- Tenure-track or career-track faculty support is not the goal of this grant

Selection Criteria:

- Potential for proposed research to contribute to equine veterinary medicine
- Sincere intent for long-term career in equine veterinary research
- Experience within horse industry
- Experience and activity in equine veterinary medicine
- Experience with equine research
- Academic performance
- Professional accomplishments before and after graduation

Requirements:

- Must attend AAEP Convention, if available, to accept the award *Note: A \$500 travel stipend and one-night hotel accommodations will be provided if you are able to attend.*
- Must provide information to AAEP for AAEP Foundation Publications (such as biographical sketch, benefits of fellowship, impact of research results, etc.)

Scholarship Award:

- \$5,000

Timelines:

- Application must be received in AAEP Office by July 30th of the year you are applying.
- Award will be announced by November 1st of that year.
- Attendance to accept award at the AAEP Annual Convention.

Application:

Interested candidates should complete the attached application and submit with the required supporting documents by the deadline of July 30th.



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APPLICATION FORMAT

The AAEP Foundation Research Fellow is an AAEP member who has graduated from an AVMA-accredited school/college of veterinary medicine and plans to specialize in equine research. This individual should be a current doctoral student or resident, or have completed their residency or doctorate within two years. One individual will be selected to receive a \$5,000 scholarship for conducting equine research. This grant may be used in collaboration with other funding. Please note that the following application components should be compiled in the **exact order listed**:

1. The attached, completed AAEP Foundation Research Fellow Cover Sheet.
2. A maximum one page cover letter outlining your long-term equine research intent, as well as how this will impact equine veterinary medicine and positively affect horse health. Please include in your letter how our \$5,000 scholarship will help you do this.
3. A maximum 2-page scientific abstract and budget of your intended research project. *Please indicate what funding you already have secured toward this effort.*
4. A curriculum vitae (not to exceed two pages).
5. A completed evaluation form.
6. A signed and sealed letter of recommendation.
7. A self-addressed, stamped postcard to be returned as confirmation of receipt.

Mail **the original application** to be **RECEIVED** by **July 30th** of the year you are applying at the AAEP Headquarters. Failure to comply with all requirements may result in a negative impact on candidacy. Send application to:

Chair, AAEP Foundation Research Fellow Committee
AAEP Foundation
4075 Iron Works Parkway
Lexington, KY 40511

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COVER SHEET

To be copied and returned as part of your application packet

1. APPLICANT'S NAME/ADDRESS/E-MAIL: _____

2. INSTITUTION:

3. APPLICANT'S GRADUATING GPA AND CLASS STANDING:

VETERINARY SCHOOL GPA: _____

CLASS STANDING: _____ OF _____.

4. NAME, PHONE, E-MAIL AND ADDRESS OF FACULTY MEMBER OR ADVISOR SUPPLYING RECOMMENDATIONS:

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EVALUATION FORM**

Note to the evaluator: Please enclose the completed evaluation with your letter of recommendation in an envelope, seal and sign across the flap to ensure confidentiality. Please return to the address indicated with an * below.

To be completed by Applicant:

Applicant's Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Name and address of person who is managing this application:

*Contact Name: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

NOTE: The AAEP Foundation Research Fellow Committee's assessment of this application will be based in part upon an evaluation of the applicant's capacity for professional-level equine research work and his or her potential for professional equine research success. It will not become a part of the applicant's permanent record. In order to encourage the evaluator to provide the committee with an objective and candid opinion, the applicant is encouraged to sign the following statement before giving the form to the evaluator. Note that the signing of this statement is optional.

I hereby waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation regarding my application for an AAEP Foundation Research Fellow.

Signature _____ Date: _____

To be completed by Evaluator:

Name: _____

Title or Occupation: _____

Firm or Organization: _____

Work Address: _____

E-mail & Phone #: _____

1. What was the applicant’s title or position while affiliated with your organization? _____

2. What was your supervisory relationship to the applicant? _____

3. Please estimate the total number of hours the applicant worked with you. _____
4. Rate the applicant from 1 – 10 on each of the qualities listed below. In considering your rating, compare this resident/graduate student to other residents/graduate students you have known.

1 = bottom 5%
2 – 3 = fair / next 30%
4 - 6 = satisfactory / next 40%
7 – 9 = excellent / next 20%
10 = outstanding / top 5%

Please think of your ratings as an evaluation, not a recommendation.

<input type="checkbox"/> research knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> potential to improve horse health
<input type="checkbox"/> clinical knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> ability to handle animals	<input type="checkbox"/> potential for success in research environment
<input type="checkbox"/> honesty	<input type="checkbox"/> sharing of ideas	<input type="checkbox"/> ability to positively impact equine veterinary medicine
<input type="checkbox"/> stamina	<input type="checkbox"/> ability to work independently	<input type="checkbox"/> team-oriented
<input type="checkbox"/> leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> effectiveness in dealing with supervisor	<input type="checkbox"/> Accuracy of work
<input type="checkbox"/> dependability	<input type="checkbox"/> ability to lecture/speak	<input type="checkbox"/> effectiveness as a mentor

5. Letter of evaluation. Please attach a separate sheet. Inclusion of specific instances where the above characteristics were demonstrated is especially helpful. Identification of both strengths and areas of needed improvement are essential. Please explain any reservations you may have about the applicant’s abilities.

6. Please check one of the following boxes to indicate the degree of your overall evaluation of the applicant, based on his or her performance of duties and responsibilities.

<input type="checkbox"/> strongly recommend	<input type="checkbox"/> recommend with reservation
<input type="checkbox"/> recommend	<input type="checkbox"/> do not recommend

Signature

Date

Thank you for taking the time to help the AAEP Foundation Research Fellow Committee in evaluating applicants to our program. We appreciate your assistance and value your advice. Your recommendation is an important part of the overall evaluation process.