



## At AVC for 2019

***Get the most out of your summer research experience!***

### **What is the Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholars Program?**

The mission of the Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholars Program <http://www.merialscholars.com/> is to provide enhanced exposure to biomedical research and career opportunities in research. The program is available to veterinary students in their first or second year of veterinary school, from AVC (1 student) and from any other veterinary school (1 student) that participates in the program

<http://www.merialscholars.com/students/Pages/participating-schools.aspx>

Through a partnership between AVC and Boehringer Ingelheim it is intended that these experiences will stimulate scholars and future veterinarians to consider a career in research. The BIVSP sponsored students will be co-supervised by the AVC VetSRA program.

### **What is involved in being a Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholar at AVC?**

Boehringer Ingelheim Scholars at AVC will have a summer research placement with an AVC researcher who has agreed to mentor the scholar. Boehringer Ingelheim Scholars are automatically enrolled in the AVC Summer Research & Leadership Program, a 12-week program of enhanced research experience.

### **What are the added advantages of being a Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholar at AVC?**

Successful applicants will receive a minimum stipend of \$6,800 for their summer research placement with an AVC researcher. Boehringer Ingelheim provides \$3,250 of the \$6,800 stipend with VetSRA and the faculty mentor providing the remainder. In addition, Boehringer Ingelheim provides some funding for travel and registration costs for the Boehringer Ingelheim NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium, while AVC provides an opportunity for matching funds for BIVSP and VetSRA students.

### **Boehringer Ingelheim NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium**

The Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholars Program culminates in a national symposium where veterinary students participating in the program gather from all over the U.S. and Canada to present their research findings and share experiences from their various programs. There will be presentations with invited research leaders. Networking opportunities with invited veterinary scientists, researchers and faculty members are also part of the national symposium program. The 2019 Boehringer Ingelheim NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium will be hosted by Worcester State University, Worcester, Massachusetts, July 25-28, 2019.

**How Do I Apply?**

Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholars Program students will be selected as the top-ranked VetSRA award recipients. Applications for VetSRA close on February 4, 2019, for AVC students and February 11, 2019 for students from other veterinary colleges in Canada and the USA.

Visit <https://www.upei.ca/avc/dvm/summer-research-and-leadership-program/funding-opportunities> for application details.

There will be 12 VetSRA awards (including BIVSP students) for AVC students and 1 VetSRA award for either AVC or non-AVC students. Selection is competitive. Applicants must agree to participate in the Summer Research and Leadership Program and be available to attend the symposium in Massachusetts (July 25-28, 2019).

**Need Help?**

Need help identifying a research interest or faculty mentor? Contact Darlene Wakelin at [dwakelin@upei.ca](mailto:dwakelin@upei.ca)