

The Merial Veterinary Scholars Program at AVC



Get the most out of your summer research experience!

What is the Merial Veterinary Scholars Program?

The mission of the Merial 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 (3 students) 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 Merial it is intended that these experiences will stimulate scholars and future veterinarians to consider a career in research. The MVSP sponsored students will be co-supervised by the AVC VetSRA program.

What is Involved in Being a Merial Veterinary Scholar at AVC?

Merial Scholars at AVC will have a summer research placement with an AVC researcher who has agreed to mentor the scholar. Merial 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 Merial Veterinary Scholar at AVC?

Successful applicants will receive a stipend of approximately \$5,400 for their summer research placement with an AVC researcher. Merial provides funding for 50% of the stipend (i.e. \$2,700 of the \$5,400 stipend). In addition, Merial provides some funding for travel and registration costs for the Merial NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium, while AVC provides an opportunity for matching funds for MVSP and VetSRA students.

Merial NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium

The Merial 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 2017 Merial NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium will be hosted by the National Institutes of Health MSU in Washington, DC, August 3 – 6, 2017.

How Do I Apply?

Merical Veterinary Scholars Program students will be selected as the top-ranked VetSRA award recipients. Applications for VetSRA close on February 1, 2017, for AVC students and February 10, 2017 for students from other veterinary colleges in Canada and the USA. There will be 14 VetSRA awards 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 Washington (Aug 3-6, 2017).

Need Help?

Need help identifying a research interest or faculty mentor? Contact Darlene Wakelin at dwakelin@upei.ca