

Research Fund
AVC Veterinary Residents
2025 Guidelines

Statement of Goals

The goals of the internally funded Research Fund for AVC Veterinary Residents are:

- a) to support research projects that are scientifically valid and relevant,
- b) to enhance the experience of veterinary residents and their faculty supervisors in designing and drafting a competitive research proposal,
- c) support research projects primarily led by a graduate student who is pursuing a veterinary residency at AVC, and
- d) to establish a track record and foundation on which to attract external research funds

Priorities

Priority will be given to proposals which:

- a) support pilot research projects that will contribute to thesis chapter(s) (MSc/PhD) or the signature project (MVSc) of an AVC veterinary resident, and / or
- b) support research projects with the greatest potential to lead to external funding success by the veterinary resident graduate student or their faculty supervisor.

Eligibility

All AVC Veterinary Residents supervised by a faculty member whose primary appointment is within the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, except for the Dean and the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies & Research, are eligible to be the Principal Graduate Student Investigator on a proposal (faculty supervisor(s) must be named as Principal Faculty Investigator(s)). Funds cannot be used for salary of the veterinary resident or their faculty supervisor. The resident must have sufficient time remaining in their program to carry out the proposed research (funds are non-transferrable). Each resident is only eligible to receive up to \$5,000 during their degree at AVC (MSc converted to PhD will normally be considered as one degree).

Grant Details

Total funds available - \$20,000.

Funds will be disbursed annually contingent upon documented satisfactory progress of the Resident and the research project. Normally grants will be awarded to support research activities carried out until the veterinary Resident term is complete. No extensions will be possible, and all residual funds must be returned to AVC Research Fund.

Recipients will be required to submit a brief report outlining the results of the project 3 months prior to the proposed ending of the veterinary residency. This would normally be a draft of the thesis chapter or project report. Failure to submit a report may result in the Faculty Supervisor being declared ineligible for subsequent resident research fund competitions.

Please submit 1 electronic copy (pdf or word) including signatures (note: submissions copied to department chairs and co-investigators will be deemed to be approved by them) of your complete application to Rosemary at mciver@upei.ca by 4:00 p.m. on Monday November 3, 2025 and deliver a paper copy to her mailbox or office. **This deadline will be strictly enforced. Incomplete applications or additional material submitted after the deadline will not be considered.**