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NESTLÉ PURINA VETERINARY STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The objective of this program is to provide veterinary students with an opportunity to be involved in research and participate in the advancement of knowledge in canine and feline nutrition and health care. Towards this end, a fund has been established that will provide small grants (up to \$10,000) to faculty members to support a summer salary for a veterinary student as well as funds to support a small, well designed research project. The research is expected to be conducted or coordinated by the student, and of suitable caliber to enable publication in a veterinary or other scientific journal. Funded students will be expected to spend time working on other ongoing projects in the faculty member's laboratory, in addition to their primary research project, so that they may have a broader research experience.

Grants is awarded on a competitive basis to faculty members willing to serve as supervisor and mentor to the veterinary student. Selection is based on review of proposals received on or before March 1st of each calendar year. Preference is given to those studies involving nutritional issues relative to the dog and cat. Invasive or terminal research will not be funded.

To apply for a grant, interested students should secure the assistance of a faculty member willing to serve as their supervisor. The faculty supervisor must submit the materials itemized below.

The application packet should include the following:

1. Cover letter describing the intent of the research, the expected new findings likely to come from this research, and the significance of these findings should the research be successful.
2. Research proposal, limited to 3 typed pages, but must include the following sections:
 - Research hypothesis or objective
 - Brief review of published literature and other supportive observations
 - Experimental Design, including the specific role to be served by the veterinary student
 - Budget, detailing key expenses. Indirect costs may not exceed 25% of direct costs, less salary and equipment.
3. Evidence of approval from your Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. If not yet available, send a copy of the IACUC submission. If proposal is selected for funding, proof of IACUC approval will be required prior to distribution of funds.

To apply for a Nestlé Purina Veterinary Student Summer Research Fellowship, please send the information itemized above for receipt on or before March 1st to Julie Spears at julie.spears@rd.nestle.com.

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