



Student Project Fund – Guidelines and Application Form

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Through the generosity of the Friends of the Christofor Foundation, the Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Centre (SJDAWC) at AVC provides internal funding to support undergraduate veterinary students with interest in animal welfare. Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) is available annually for projects that benefit animals (directly or indirectly), foster awareness about issues of animal welfare, and encourage leadership among students.

The Student Project Fund is administered separately from the annual Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Centre competition. Where larger projects are concerned, students may still apply in the regular annual competition as co-investigators with faculty members.

Funds from the Student Project Fund are available through two routes (below). Applications must be submitted a minimum of 4 weeks before a proposed event.

1. Projects

Funds are available for proposals submitted by an individual or group of students at any time during the year. Normally, applications will be funded to a maximum of \$1,000 and will not include salary funds. Examples of potentially acceptable projects include: costs toward funding a workshop or helping to bring in a speaker, equipment/supplies to benefit animals through a student club, costs of producing a newsletter on some animal welfare-related topic(s), etc.

Proposals will be evaluated as they arise, and approved if they fit the guidelines as long as there are funds available in any given year. **The application form is below**, or you may contact Dr. Alice Crook (SJDAWC Coordinator) for more information acrook@upei.ca.

2. Travel

Funds are available to assist with travel and subsistence costs for:

- the Animal Welfare Judging Contest www.canr.msu.edu/animalwelfare/ (Contact Dr. Michael Cockram mcockram@upei.ca for more information)
- third-year students electing VCA 490 External Clinical Experience – Animal Shelters. The amount available varies annually and will be divided equally amongst all those who notify Dr. Crook (acrook@upei.ca) by ~April 15 (exact deadline will be announced each year) of their interest in the rotation, to a maximum of \$600 per student.
- a relevant conference (limited to \$600, and to one conference per student during his or her time at AVC). (**Application form is below.**)

Fifty per cent of the funds will be made available as a travel advance, with the balance provided upon return, following submission of original receipts (boarding passes, ticket stubs, and accommodation receipts).

Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated as follows:

- i) How will a project directly or ultimately benefit dogs, cats, farmed animals, horses or wildlife?
- ii) Are proposals well-designed with specific, achievable goals, including appropriate information dissemination?

The proposals will be evaluated in 3 main areas: relevance to equine, canine, feline, or farmed or wild animal welfare, the merit of the proposal itself, and the strengths of the applicant(s). A copy of the proposal evaluation form is appended. Only those criteria applicable to a particular project will be evaluated.

Mission Statement

The Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Centre (SJDAWC) exists to promote animal welfare by generating and disseminating impartial and scientifically based knowledge and understanding of animal welfare issues.

The Centre facilitates, focuses and coordinates academic and research resources at the Atlantic Veterinary College to carry out animal welfare research and education, and to provide information and advice to industry, government, organizations and the public.

Goals

1. The SJDAWC seeks funding for, undertakes, promotes and supports animal welfare research projects and service activities at the Atlantic Veterinary College.
2. The SJDAWC serves as a resource centre to compile and generate information relevant to the welfare of animals.
3. The SJDAWC strives to raise the awareness of the public and of the veterinary profession on broad questions of animal welfare and animal use, and to provide accurate, scientifically based information on these questions.

Final Report (not to exceed 2 pages)

1. Once the project has been completed, the student is expected to provide a final report.
2. For students participating in the Animal Welfare Judging Contest or a shelter rotation, fulfilment of the relevant requirements will constitute the final report.
3. For travel to a conference, the final report may be in the form of a written report for the SJDAWC newsletter or a presentation at AVC.
4. For projects, the final report must state the original objectives and how those objectives have been achieved, emphasizing the following areas:
 - direct and indirect benefits to animals during the project and once it is completed; and
 - information dissemination through the project.The report should conclude with a summary stating the significance of the project and the anticipated impact on animal welfare.
With the final report, the faculty mentor will be expected to provide a brief comment on the achievement of the objectives.

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Application Form

Please submit **1 signed hard copy and 1 electronic copy** of your proposal to Dr. Alice Crook, SJDAWC Coordinator, 424S, acrook@upei.ca. **Applications must be submitted a minimum of 4 weeks before a proposed event.**

1 Chief applicant

Name	AVC Class	Hours/wk dedicated to project (if applicable)

2 Others (if applicable)

Name	AVC Class	Hours/wk dedicated to project (if applicable)

3 Title of proposed project:

4 Proposed starting and finishing dates:

5 Signatures:

APPLICANT

FACULTY MENTOR

DATE

- 6 Describe your proposal using the following subheadings. **Do not exceed 2 pages.**
- a) Brief summary of proposal, including the anticipated benefits for dogs, horses, cats, farmed animals, or wildlife.
 - b) Objectives of the project
 - c) Project outline
Include timeline (if appropriate) and methods to achieve the objectives.
 - d) Plans for information dissemination.
 - e) Significance of project.
- 7 On a separate page, summarize relevant experience. List references if applicable.
- 8 Up to 2 letters of support for the project may be appended if applicable.
- 9 On a separate page, outline your **budget** in the following table.

Materials and supplies	
Project travel	
Information dissemination	
Other costs	
Total	

NB The total budget should not exceed \$1000, or \$600 if for attendance at a conference.
Please provide details justifying amounts specified in each category above.

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Proposal Evaluation Form

I Potential to enhance the welfare of dogs, cats, farmed animals, horses or wildlife.

RELEVANCE	Strong	Moderate	Weak	N/A
Direct benefits to animals during the project (number of animals, species)				
Direct benefits beyond the lifespan of the project				
Indirect benefits to animals				
Training/education that will have an impact on animal welfare (for veterinary students, veterinarians, owners, general public), raising public awareness.				
OVERALL EVALUATION	/10			

II Proposal

Projects must be well-designed with specific, achievable goals.

PROPOSAL	Strong	Moderate	Weak	N/A
Clarity and focus of objectives				
Probability of achieving stated objectives within proposed time frame				
Budget: realistic? appropriate?				
Information dissemination appropriate to project				
OVERALL EVALUATION	/10			

III Investigator(s):

INVESTIGATORS	Strong	Moderate	Weak	N/A
Competence to carry out proposed project				
Knowledge of, and experience in, proposed area				
Group cohesiveness and collaboration				
Time committed to the project				
OVERALL EVALUATION	/10			

A proposal must be rated as satisfactory (5/10 or higher) in each section to be considered for funding. Only those criteria applicable to a particular project will be evaluated.