



Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Student Research Award Guidelines and Application Process

The Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Centre (SJDAWC) at AVC provides internal funding to support undergraduate veterinary students with interest in animal welfare. \$6,500 total is available to support DVM student participation in research consistent with the goals of the SJDAWC¹. Funded projects should benefit animals (directly or indirectly), foster awareness about issues of animal welfare, and encourage leadership among students. The project will require a faculty supervisor and will be expected to generate a poster or publication.

Call for Applications

The call for proposals will be issued to students in December with a February deadline, followed by adjudication through GSR, with the project to take place the following summer.

In order to apply, students must have completed (as of start of research award) at least 1 year of the DVM program, be available for 12 consecutive weeks of research work (no holiday time) during the summer of 2018, be able to confirm a willing faculty supervisor at AVC, and agree to participate in the AVC Summer Research and Leadership Program (includes producing a scientific poster).

Awards are equivalent to the standard expected income paid to veterinary students (i.e. approximately \$540 per week) working in research laboratories at AVC.

The **adjudication** will consider (equal weighting) the applicant's academic performance and his/her research outline, including the benefit to animal welfare. Only applications with acceptable faculty participation will be considered. Any student requiring assistance in identifying potential research supervisors should consult with the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research Office (lhammell@upei.ca or dwakelin@upei.ca) or the SJDAWC Coordinator (acrook@upei.ca) as early in the planning process as possible.

\$1,000 is available from the SJDAWC for research support. Faculty members are also encouraged to identify external sources for research support (i.e. student stipend top-up and research operating funds).

¹ *To be nationally and internationally recognized as a centre of excellence that advances animal welfare through research, service, and education based on scientific evidence and the application of a veterinary perspective.*

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- 1 Based on your area of interest, approach suitable supervisors and seek information on potential research projects for which you will take an active role in planning and completion to a logical and reasonable endpoint (e.g. that will be suitable for a poster presentation in August).

- 2 Prepare a research outline (maximum 2 pages) including how the project will benefit animal welfare and how you would benefit from this research award. You should show an understanding of the research project and comment on how this experience will further your veterinary career and professional objectives. Students should also comment on previous research experience and how it has contributed to your scholarly achievements, as well as animal welfare interests and experience.

- 3 Submit the application form (Part I, Student) and your research outline to the Graduate Studies and Research (GSR) Office (dwakelin@upej.ca). These documents and the Supervisor's Form (Part II) must be received in the GSR office by **February 1, 2018 at 4:00 pm**. Students are encouraged to apply to VetSRA separately.

- 4 Adjudication will weight student academic performance and the research outline equally (see #5). Once final decisions are made, the student will have 28 days to confirm the supervisor's funding contribution for any research operating costs.

- 5 Applications will be evaluated as follows:
 - i) Direct or indirect animal welfare benefits.
 - ii) Student academic performance and demonstrated interest and experience in animal welfare.

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