



## 2019 Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Graduate Scholarship (2<sup>nd</sup> call)

### Application and selection guidelines and procedures

#### **Application deadline: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 (AST); decision to be announced by mid-August**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the SJDAWC has additional funding available for 2019 for a domestic masters student (\$51,600 over 2 years). The scholarship will support the training of researchers to pursue animal welfare research at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI), PEI, Canada.

Applications from doctoral or international (masters or doctoral) students will be considered as well if stipend funding above the \$51,600 is available from other documented sources (i.e., support from the proposed supervisor). *(Please note that the University does not allow graduate students to begin their program unless all funding is secured.)*

Students may take up their award at any time of year but the award must be taken up within 12 months of the date of the letter of offer.

Information on university fees is at [www.upei.ca/finance/accounting/fees](http://www.upei.ca/finance/accounting/fees) and on living on PEI at [www.gov.pe.ca/infopei/index.php3?number=2141&lang=E](http://www.gov.pe.ca/infopei/index.php3?number=2141&lang=E)

#### **Eligibility**

This competition is open to any candidate who meets the admission criteria for graduate studies at UPEI<sup>1</sup>. For information on satisfying the UPEI criteria for admission, including English language proficiency requirements, please see [www.upei.ca/programsandcourses/graduate-admissions/msc-mvsc-diploma-pathology-microbiology-pgdip-phd](http://www.upei.ca/programsandcourses/graduate-admissions/msc-mvsc-diploma-pathology-microbiology-pgdip-phd)<sup>2</sup>. Students who receive the award for support of a masters program are eligible to apply again for support for a subsequent PhD program. This award may be held simultaneously with other awards.

#### **Application**

Candidates must apply via email to the Coordinator, SJDAWC ([animalwelfare@upei.ca](mailto:animalwelfare@upei.ca)) by the *end of the day, Wednesday, July 24, 2019 (Atlantic Standard Time)*. The attachments to the email application package must be in English and must include a letter of intent highlighting areas of interest and specifically addressing each of the selection criteria below, a current curriculum vitae, and academic

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that students are not required to apply to the UPEI graduate studies program until after the scholarship has been awarded. However, all potential graduate students must identify a graduate faculty member willing to supervise the student should the application be successful.

<sup>2</sup> Students are expected to be proficient in the use of English, both written and oral, when they begin their studies at the University of Prince Edward Island. The University requires that certification of such proficiency be presented by applicants whose mother tongue is not English or whose normal language of instruction throughout their education (as recognized by UPEI) was not English. Tests of proficiency acceptable to the University, and the minimum scores that must be obtained, are listed on the [English Language Proficiency Requirements](#) page under the Application and Admissions section of the Programs and Courses website. Such students should make arrangements to take the test at least three months before the semester opening date.

records. Academic records include scanned copies of official transcripts from all university courses completed by the time of application, together with academic awards, prizes and scholarships. Applicants must provide:

(a) One example of their academic writing, e.g. an academic publication, thesis or essay. Additional publications are to be listed in the CV.

(b) A letter of commitment from the proposed supervisor at the Atlantic Veterinary College, UPEI, to include provisions for operating funding if the applicant is successful (i.e., funding currently in place or applied for, or an outline of plans to obtain funding).

(c) A one page outline of their animal welfare research project that has been agreed upon with the proposed supervisor.

Information on potential supervisors can be found under “faculty” at:

- Department of Biomedical Sciences <http://biomedical.upei.ca/>
- Department of Companion Animals <http://companion.upei.ca/>
- Department of Health Management <http://healthmgt.upei.ca/>
- Department of Pathology and Microbiology <http://pathmicro.upei.ca/>

Letters of reference from two professors, under at least one of whom the applicant has undertaken a significant proportion of work, are to be sent by the professor directly to the Coordinator, SJDAWC [animalwelfare@upei.ca](mailto:animalwelfare@upei.ca). An acceptable alternative to one such letter is a letter from the department Chair in the department in which the applicant has studied, or from the employer where the applicant has recently been employed. **Note:** Letters of reference should describe the qualities of the candidate with regard to their potential to succeed in a research program.

**It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure all documents, including letters of reference, are received by the deadline of July 24, 2019.** Applicants will be notified when both letters of reference have been received. Applications missing any part of the required documentation will not be considered.

### **Selection**

Candidates will be ranked based on their demonstrated potential to excel in the program of study, their qualifications and experience relevant to the conduct of research pertaining to the welfare of animals, potential for leadership in the field of animal welfare, and the feasibility and animal welfare impact of their proposed research and its relevance to the [mission of the SJDAWC](#). Both applied or more fundamental approaches to animal welfare research are welcome. Where there are two highly ranked candidates of equal standing, preference will be given to a candidate who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

### **Awarding of the Scholarship**

Award of the scholarship will be conditional on the acceptance of the successful candidate into the graduate program of a relevant academic department, and will be subject to availability of funds to cover operating costs for the research project. Students may take up their award at any time of year but the award must be taken up within 12 months of the date of the letter of offer.

### **Background**

The Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Centre advances animal welfare through a broad array of initiatives in research, service, and education to improve the lives of animals ([www.upei.ca/awc](http://www.upei.ca/awc)). The Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Graduate Scholarship is intended to cover living costs and tuition fees. It is made possible through the generous support of the Christofor Foundation.

Questions about the application and scholarship may be directed to Dr. Larry Hammell, [lhammell@upei.ca](mailto:lhammell@upei.ca).