

Merck-Merial-NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium
Translational Research: Putting Discoveries to Work in Practice

2009 Young Investigator Award

Sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation

Graduate veterinarians pursuing advanced research training through doctoral or post-doctoral programs are invited to compete for the AVMA/AVMF sponsored Young Investigator Award by submitting a research abstract with supporting documentation and a biographical sketch (specific requirements presented below).

The abstracts will be evaluated by a panel of academic and industrial scientists for innovation, experimental design, potential impact of results and outcomes, and relevance to comparative biomedicine. Five finalists will be invited to attend The Merck-Merial-NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium hosted by North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina on August 6-8, 2008, and to present their work as a 15-minute platform talk. Finalists will receive complimentary travel, accommodations and meeting registration.

The Young Investigator presentations will be evaluated by senior scientists with appropriate expertise in veterinary biomedical science. Three \$500 awards will be made on the basis of scientific merit, quality of presentation, and responses to questions. Recipients will be recognized at the closing banquet.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 26, 2009

Qualifications:

Submissions will be accepted from veterinarians who are pursuing advanced research training through participation in either doctoral or post-doctoral training programs; veterinarians who completed such training in 2008 or 2009 are also eligible. Dual degree students who have not yet received the DVM or VMD are ineligible for the competition. Any finalist who cannot personally present their work will be ineligible for an award.

Requested material:

- Applicant information including contact information (name, address, phone number, email) and a 2-3 page biographical sketch in NIH format (for example see: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketchsample.doc>)
- Abstract and supporting documentation may be submitted either as hard copy or in electronic format. The title, authorship (names and institutional affiliations), and body of the abstract should not exceed one typed page (12 point font, 1 inch margins, PDF format). The abstract should not contain figures or graphs; however, these may be submitted as supporting material in print (2 page) or electronic (2 page, 1 MB, PDF format) form.
- A letter from the candidate's research mentor, department head or Dean stating that the contributed work was performed primarily by the candidate, and that the candidate is a graduate veterinarian currently or recently engaged in research training, as specified above.

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