



## **THE FOUNDATION FOR THE HORSE, AAEP PAST PRESIDENTS' & EQUUS FOUNDATION RESEARCH FELLOWS**

There is an increasing need to train future equine veterinary researchers. Supplementing post-graduate and residency research fellowship salaries and benefits is the goal of this grant. This scholarship targets AAEP members beginning careers in equine research. Applicants who are seeking funding for their research project or have secured funding from other organizations are eligible to apply, as this scholarship focuses on supporting the researcher, not the project.

Ideal candidates are graduates of a school/college of veterinary medicine who have experience conducting equine research and are nearing completion of a residency or doctorate degree. Candidates may also have recently completed a residency or doctoral program.

### Who is Eligible? (All below are required)

- Must be a DVM or equivalent (e.g., VMD, BVMS, BVSc, MVB, DMV) trainees in a graduate program (masters or doctoral), residency training program, or a research fellowship program
- Must be an AAEP member with membership paid through June 30, 2024
- The eligible researcher must be mentored by a veterinary researcher on the faculty at a university or in practice
- The post-doctoral training program must have a substantial equine research component
- Note:
- Preference may be given to those applying from AVMA-accredited veterinary colleges.
- DVM/Ph.D. combined program candidates at AVMA-accredited veterinary colleges also considered
- The post-doctoral training program must have a substantial equine research component
- Tenure-track or career-track faculty support is not the goal of this fellow

### Selection Criteria:

- Potential for proposed research to contribute to equine veterinary medicine
- Sincere intent for long-term career in equine veterinary research
- Experience within horse industry
- Experience and activity in equine veterinary medicine
- Experience with equine research
- Academic performance
- Professional accomplishments before and after graduation

### Requirements:

- Must attend AAEP Convention, if available, and if held, to accept the award.
- Must provide information to The Foundation for publications (such as biographical sketch, benefits of fellowship, impact of research results, photos, etc.)

### Scholarship Award:

- \$5,000 & \$500 travel stipend to assist with travel to convention will be provided if you attend the convention. Convention registration will be your responsibility if you wish to attend sessions.
- This grant may be used in collaboration with other funding.
- Note: The award may be made payable to the student if preferred, but you may be required to pay taxes if paid to the student. If preferred, it can be paid to an institution to offset tuition; however, this award IS NOT required to be used for the project but is to assist the student in their career and life as needed.

### Timelines:

- Application must be received in The Foundation office by **Aug. 4, 2023**, 11:59 pm PST
- Award will be announced to applicants by October 1 or sooner.
- Attendance to accept award at the AAEP Annual Convention is greatly preferred and very beneficial to the student if you can attend.

### **APPLICATION FORMAT**

Please note that the following application components are included in the online application.

1. Research Fellow Cover Sheet - completed online; includes basic contact information
2. Cover Letter - a one-page maximum cover letter outlining your long-term equine research intent, as well as how this will impact equine veterinary medicine and positively affect horse health. Please include in your letter how our \$5,000 scholarship will help you do this.
3. Scientific Abstract - a maximum 2-page scientific abstract
4. Budget of your intended research project. *Please indicate what funding you already have secured toward this effort.*
5. Curriculum Vitae - not to exceed two pages.
6. Academic Evaluation - Completed evaluation form by faculty member or advisor evaluator and letter of recommendation from the same person. This is to be emailed directly to [eyoung@foundationforthehorse.org](mailto:eyoung@foundationforthehorse.org)

**Completed Application** must be **RECEIVED** a by 11:59 pm PST on **Aug. 4, 2023**. Failure to comply with all requirements may result in a negative impact on candidacy.