



INTERPROVINCIAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS

Objective:

With the advent of new interprovincial monies to establish postgraduate stipends for Canadian DVMs, it was decided to initiate Interprovincial Undergraduate Student Research Awards. These awards are intended to stimulate the interest of undergraduate students in research by providing them with a valuable experience in a university laboratory, and to encourage these students to undertake graduate studies.

Eligibility:

Interprovincial undergraduate student research awards are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents who are full-time students registered in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. When the award is held, a student must have successfully completed a minimum of two academic terms (i.e., completed first year). Students must be exposed to research and development activities during the work period. They may hold a maximum of three undergraduate research awards throughout their university career.

Value of Awards:

These awards are valued at approximately \$2,125.00 per month (May 1 to August 15 inclusive) and subject to employment payroll deductions; in addition an accountable research allowance of \$500.00 (assigned through the appropriate department head) is allowed to defray research costs. The value of these awards and of the research allowance will be subject to annual review.

Terms of Awards:

Awards are normally tenable during the summer months (May to August inclusive) but they may also be held at other times of the year where permitted by the student's academic program. The maximum duration of an award is four consecutive months. Normally, awards will not be made for less than three months.

Location of Tenure:

Normally, students may undertake their research project in any of the departments of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. Under very special circumstances, student research

activity may be undertaken at other universities or other institutions; in all cases supervision must be by a faculty member of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

Application of Procedures:

Application forms and appropriate instructions are available from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine Research and Graduate Studies Office and from departmental offices. Applicants must identify a faculty member to serve as supervisor of their proposed research. Applications should be completed in consultation with proposed supervisor and completed applications should be submitted to the appropriate department head by January 15.

The development of an application should be seen as a joint effort involving both a student and a faculty member. It is understood that either party may initiate the application process.

Each department head is responsible for arranging for the ranking of applications submitted from his/her department. This prioritized list together with copies of all applications will be submitted to the WCVM Research Office. Selection is made by the Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Studies) with the advice of a subcommittee of the Graduate Education Committee.

The review criteria for selection include: the student's academic record and demonstrated interest, the suitability of the project and appropriateness of experimental design, track record of supervisor in handling summer projects, quality of the summer research experience.

Only one application/student will be reviewed. Applications for multiple projects will not be accepted. The student's academic record should be at a level to insure entry into graduate school.

The Office of the Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Studies) will make a final decision regarding the assignment of these awards and will notify department heads and applicants.

Reporting:

Each successful student applicant is required to attend all mandatory research seminars over the summer that are designed to support your research.

Each successful student applicant is required to present a poster on their research project at a poster day in early September. A one-page evaluation of their summer experience is also required by September 15 and should be submitted to wcvm.research@usask.ca.

The appropriate department head is required to submit a statement of expenditures regarding the \$500.00 accountable research allowance by October 31. Any unspent balance at this time will revert to the central pool.