**BRITISH COLUMBIA RESIDENT GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR VETERINARIANS**

**Scholarship Description:**

Support of Graduate Students is a priority of the Government of British Columbia (BC). The objective of the BC Resident Graduate Scholarship is to provide licensed Veterinarian Graduate Students that have previously established residency in BC to further their studies in a residency, a MSc or a PhD in the areas of:

1. Pathology
2. Bacteriology or virology
3. Genomics
4. Population-medicine such as epidemiology or herd health
5. Veterinary public health

**Number of awards:** Dependent of availability of funding

**Value of award:** $ 17,500

**Deadline for submission:** April 1

**Application link:** *https://wcvm.usask.ca/students/graduate-program/graduate-programs.php*

**Announcement of results:** Spring banquet awards ceremony

Each student who is successful in receiving a BC Resident Graduate Scholarship would receive $17,500/yr in addition to their current stipend provided by fellowship or other support (i.e. supervisors or departments cannot claw back stipend support). The WCVM Associate Dean Research office reserves the option to fund qualified applicants at a higher or lower rate, if directed by the Government of BC or to fit within the budgetary allowance of the fiscal year.

• Awards will be paid throughout the academic year.

IMPORTANT: If you are awarded a BC Resident Graduate Scholarship, *you must confirm your registration status and NSID* to wcvm.research@usask.ca before the University term course withdrawal/registration deadline or you will forfeit your award.

**Eligibility:**

1. Graduate Students must be a veterinarian licensed to practice in Canada.
2. Graduate Students must have previously established residency in BC which is defined as: “A student that was previously a BC quota student in the WCVM DVM undergraduate program or someone who had moved to BC and worked there for one year at a minimum as a veterinarian.”
3. Preference will be given for BC Graduate Students who study areas of interest specified by the BC Ministry of Agriculture or BC Chief Veterinary Office.
4. The person must be (one or both):
	1. In a training program at the WCVM seeking board certification in a specialty recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association (e.g., ACVS, ACVIM, ABVP, ACVR, ACVP, etc.).
	2. A student who is in a MSc or PhD graduate degree program or who has been recommended for admission to a graduate degree program in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.
5. Graduate Students can be in their first to fourth year of training.
6. Students must apply each year (there are no automatic renewals). However, each graduate student is eligible to receive this award for up to four years. In exceptional circumstances, eligibility may be extended to a maximum of five years.

**Application Process:**

A complete application package consists of the following**:**

1. A letter of intent indicating career and research goals.
2. Proof of BC residency. “A student that was previously a BC quota student in the WCVM DVM program or someone who moved to BC and has worked there for one year at a minimum as a veterinarian.” Acceptable proof can be:
	1. BC quota acceptance letter
	2. Lease or rental agreement with Graduate student name for a BC address.
	3. A utility bill with Graduate student name and BC address.
3. Proof of registration in an area of study that is of interest specified by the BC Ministry of Agriculture or BC Chief Veterinary Office
4. Curriculum vitae of the applicant
5. Transcripts for current and all previous programs (unofficial or photocopies are okay, you can download these from PAWS)
6. Letter from supervisor if you are a WCVM current graduate student indicating good standing in the program, progress to date and suitability for this award.

Applications are due to the office of the Associate Dean of Research by **April 1.** Please submit your application through the [WCVM graduate student website](https://wcvm.usask.ca/students/graduate-program/graduate-programs.php).

**BC RESIDENT GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

Awards will be adjudicated by the WCVM Associate Dean’s office or a suitable designated group. Criteria for awarding Scholarships will be based on:

1. Proof of BC residency
2. Proof of registration in an area of study that is of interest specified by the BC Ministry of Agriculture or BC Chief Veterinary Office
3. Academic and research potential
4. In good standing in graduate student program