**WCVM GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR BEST PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPT**

**Award Description:**

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine, through the office of the Associate Dean – Research and Graduate Studies, is pleased to provide an award to recognize graduate students for excellence in research publications.

At the University of Saskatchewan, publication of research is recognized at many levels and it is important that graduate students who are often the main drivers of original research be recognized for their contributions to the scientific community.

**Number of awards:** Minimum of 1 per year

**Value of award:** Minimum of $2000

**Deadline for submission:** May 30

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

**Announcement of results:** Fall banquet award ceremony

**Eligibility:**

To be considered for the Award, applicants must be:

1. Enrolled in a recognized graduate program with the University of Saskatchewan’s College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at the time the award is granted;
2. A graduate student in good standing of a department within the WCVM; and
3. Supervised or co-supervised by a member of the WCVM faculty (not an adjunct member); and
4. First author on an original research article published in a peer-reviewed journal. In the case of co-first authors ( where both authors are graduate students that meet eligibility), the prize will be divided equally between the applicants.
5. Have a research article that has been accepted for publication or published during the past 12 months;

The following are not eligible:

* 1. Review articles - except for systematic reviews, which are eligible
  2. Non peer-reviewed articles
  3. Submitted or In Revision manuscripts

**Application Process:**

Only one application may be submitted per student. Previous winners are eligible to reapply with a new paper. Applications must be completed online, the link is available on the [WCVM graduate student website](https://wcvm.usask.ca/students/graduate-program/graduate-programs.php).

Applicants will consist of the following materials, written by the student, for consideration:

1. A written description of the research that should include:
   1. Significance of Paper: a summary of your paper and describe how it stands out in terms of quality and/or significance (maximum 250 words).
   2. Lay Summary: a statement in LAY terms/common language describing the research including its significance and relevance (maximum 100 words). This should allow a reader from outside the field of science to understand why the research is important.
   3. Your Contribution: a description of your contribution to the work. Describe (1) your experimental input and (2) your role in the writing of the paper (maximum 250 words).
2. A copy of the accepted/published article *must be included*. It is preferrable to be in the final published formatif available.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Applications will be considered, and award decisions made, by the WCVM Graduate Student Awards Committee.

The areas of evaluation will be focused on the following:

1. The significance, scope, quality, and originality of the paper;
2. The nature or the goal of the research; and
3. The contribution of the trainee to the publication.