**WCVM INTERN, RESIDENT AND GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR CLINICAL TEACHING**

**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 excellence in clinical teaching by interns and graduate students at WCVM.

This award recognizes excellence in clinical instruction, focused on teaching in the clinics or other setting, but with contributions from mentoring, or other comparable clinical instructional activities.

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

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

**Deadline for submission:** April 1

**Announcement:** The award will be presented at the WCVM Spring 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. A WCVM intern or graduate student involved in *clinical* (non-didactic) teaching (including but not limited to, 580 rotation teaching, laboratory teaching, teaching of other graduate students).

**Application Process:**

Only one application may be submitted per student. Previous winners are eligible to reapply.

Applications must be completed online through the [WCVM Grad Student website](https://wcvm.usask.ca/students/graduate-program/graduate-programs.php).

Applications will consist of the following materials for consideration:

1. A letter of support from the 580 instructor, clinical area staff where the teaching occurred or peers (maximum 1 page) addressing how the nominee excels in the aspects considered under the evaluation criteria listed below.
2. The student’s clinical teaching philosophy – maximum 1 page statement.
3. The students teaching record: Clinical teaching history, nature of contributions, especially pertaining to the 580 rotation or other clinical teaching activity for which the student is nominated. (maximum 1 page)
4. Teaching evaluations: If available, applicants will be asked to give their permission for the awards committee to access student 580 teaching evaluations spanning the entire teaching period of the nominee. Additional evidence of teaching excellence such as unsolicited emails from students or professors with knowledge of the nominee’s teaching can also be included.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Applications will be considered, and award decisions made, by the WCVM Graduate Student Awards Committee. Evidence in the application package will be used to answer to what degree the applicant accomplishes the following:

1. Encourage learning in DVM undergraduate students on rotation or in clinical learning
2. Approachability of the applicant
3. Knowledge of the applicant in the area of clinical specialty where they taught and their ability to convey that knowledge to the DVM undergraduate students
4. Ability to stimulate enthusiasm for the clinical subject or area of practice