**WCVM GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH**

**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 community-engaged research.

At the University of Saskatchewan, community-engaged research is research conducted in collaboration and partnership with a given community or communities to address an identified need.

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

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

**Deadline for submission:** May 30

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

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

**Eligibility:**

To be considered for this 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).

**Application Process:**

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

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

Applications will consist of the following materials for consideration:

1. A written description of the research that should include:
2. The identity of the community partner or partners engaged in the research;
3. The nature or goal of the research;
4. The outcomes, proposed outcomes, or impact of the research and how the outcomes address the needs of the partner community;
5. The role of the applicant in sufficient detail to fully appreciate the contribution of the applicant in the research.
6. The methods used or that will be used to disseminate the results of the research to the broader research community;
7. At least one letter of support from the supervisor and/or community partner (preference for the latter).

The written description should be no longer than two pages but can be supplemented with other non-written materials such as, but not limited to, a few images or a URL link to a publically accessible internet site that contains materials that are directly relevant to the research; or both.

Note: While clinical service and service in the form of teaching and training are worthy activities, this award recognizes only community-engaged *research*. This research is defined as where there is systematic inquiry in an effort to create new knowledge that can shared with others.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Applications will be considered, and award decisions made, by the WCVM Graduate Student Awards Committee. While any and all forms of community-engaged research will be enthusiastically considered, the Committee is especially interested in receiving applications where the partner community is Indigenous or underserved or is involved with improving animal wellfare.