**WCVM GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL IMPACT OF 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 the international impact of research.

The goal of the Award for International Impact of WCVM Graduate Student Research is to recognize students registered in a graduate program at the WCVM who have at least one of the following: achieved international recognition for their research, have conducted impactful research at an international site with international collaborators, or had a strong collaboration with an international researcher/student who visited this university.

**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);
4. Able to demonstrate international impact or recognition of their work, ideally with some of the work conducted internationally or with an international collaborator. The following points will be considered:
	1. Research has international impact;
	2. Research involves international collaboration;
	3. Some or all of the research was conducted at an international site or with an international collaborator who came to this university;
	4. A poster or presentation received an award at an international conference in their research discipline within the year prior to application. Students must have presented their original thesis-based research at the International Conference where their work was recognized.

**Application Process:**

Only one application may be submitted per student. Previous winners are eligible to reapply but only if there are additional international research awards or new research conducted since the previous award. Applications must completed 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 copy of the abstract submitted to the International Conference and proof of a presentation award *AND/OR*
2. At minimum, a letter of support from the applicant’s primary supervisor and ideally a letter from the international collaborator, where applicable. A stronger application will have a publication resulting from the international application also appended.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

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

Research excellence may be reflected by:

* Recognition for delivery of an outstanding research presentation (poster, podium, rapid-fire, or similar) by competitive selection for an award at an International Conference. Impact and caliber of the research as well as prestige of the conference will be considered.
* Degree of impact of the research at an international level. Independent evidence of impact (publication with international co-authors, international collaborator testimonial, international media attention, etc.) will be scored higher than supervisor/applicant testimonials.
* Travelling to an international site to conduct some or all of the graduate student’s current thesis research, to learn a technique not available at WCVM or to study a research question at an international site is a possible factor. Alternatively, the graduate student’s involvement in collaboration with an international researcher or trainee. In this case, the importance of this activity to WCVM or to the broader Canadian and international research community will also be considered.

Successful awardees may re-apply for this award in subsequent years provided they meet the application eligibility requirements. However, preference will be given to those individuals who have not already received this award.