



MSD ANIMAL HEALTH / FEDERATION OF VETERINARIANS OF EUROPE

2017 Veterinary Student Scholarship Program

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe

The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), founded in 1975, is an umbrella organisation of veterinary organisations in Europe. The FVE represents veterinary organisations from 38 European countries and includes four vibrant sections, each representing a key group in the veterinary profession: the Union of European Veterinary Practitioners (UEVP); the European Association of State Veterinary Officers (EASVO); European Veterinarians in Education, Research and Industry (EVERI); and the Union of European Veterinary Hygienists (UEVH).

The European veterinary profession, embodied by FVE, strives to enhance animal health, animal welfare, public health and the protection of the environment by promoting the veterinary profession. Together with its members, FVE aims to support veterinarians in delivering their professional responsibilities to the best possible standard, and that this expertise is recognized and valued by society.

Veterinarians play a vital part in society. And FVE play a vital part in making sure veterinarians can do their jobs well – for everyone's benefit. The FVE represents 46 national veterinary organisations, aiming to:

- Bring our members together and give them a strong, united voice they can use to influence the issues that matter. We lobby politicians, institutions, NGOs and other important stakeholders at European level focusing on our priority issues: promoting the profession, animal health, animal welfare and public health.
- Look after the interests of Europe's veterinarians, making sure they are respected and appropriately rewarded for their expertise;
- Provide the information our members need to perform well in their jobs – and take action on important issues – through forums, events and publications;
- Develop the very best, Europe-wide standards for the veterinary profession, so veterinarians all act according to best practice;
- Enhance the quality of pre- and post-graduate veterinary training, including life-long learning, to make sure veterinarians are equipped to do the best job possible throughout their careers;
- Promote the importance of the veterinary profession, making sure people understand its huge contribution to society.

Learn more about FVE on the [FVE website](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)

MSD Animal Health/FVE - 2017 Veterinary Student Scholarship Program

MSD Animal Health and FVE are proud to demonstrate their dedication to veterinary students by providing \$5,000 scholarships to be awarded to thirty-six (36) European veterinary students from the 2nd or 3rd year (studying veterinary medicine in a Veterinary Establishment member of the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education - EAEVE¹). The aim is that this grant will enhance their academic experience taking into account merit with some consideration to financial needs and diversity.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 2nd and 3rd year veterinary students (accomplishment of first year exams);
- Currently enrolled and in good standing at a recognized veterinary establishment in their country (A veterinary establishment member of the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education – EAEVE);
- Citizen of a European country.

APPLICATIONS (in English) are available online at the [FVE website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

This announcement has been sent to all veterinary schools via the FVE member associations in Europe and to the EAVE and International Veterinary Students Association contact points.

Review, evaluation and selection

The review and selection process will be coordinated by the FVE and the review process will involve members of the FVE Review Committee. Members of the Review Committee are representatives from the EAEVE and from the International Veterinary Students Association (IVSA).

Important Note: No representative from a veterinary school ever evaluates a student from his/her school. Also, no member that is either employee or contracted to work for MSD Animal Health will participate in the selection of any award winners.

The applications will be reviewed by the FVE Review Committee which will score each application based on the specific scoring rubric, taking in consideration:

- ✓ Support letters from Dean and a Professor from his/her faculty (10 points);
- ✓ Diversity and Financial need (10 points);
- ✓ Involvement at local/national level in a veterinary association (5 points);
- ✓ Reason for eligibility (5 points);
- ✓ Career goals (5 points);
- ✓ Vision of the future of the profession (10 points).

Timeline

- Application announcement and launch – 28 June 2017;
- Application deadline – 15 September 2017;
- Selection process – 15 September – 30 October 2017;

¹ <http://www.eaeve.org/about-eaeve/members.html>

- Public Announcement and notification to students – week of 13 November 2017;
- Check Disbursement – by 30 November 2017.

FVE deliverables

To accommodate and support MSD Animal Health and its veterinary student scholarship efforts, MSD has allocated \$20,000 for administrative services fee to be paid to FVE, which FVE will use:

- To handle all aspects of marketing, outreach, and correspondence with the colleges of veterinary medicine and the veterinary students in Europe, according to the agreed timeline;
- To collect and process all incoming applications;
- To coordinate and facilitate all aspects of criteria review and selection including the use of qualified and credible scholarship reviewers. All aspects of scholarship awarding, recognition, and follow up will be provided by the FVE;
- To correctly and timely pay all grants to the selected students. The FVE will provide separate accounting and reporting for this scholarship program.

FVE obligations

The FVE will directly distribute all scholarship awards to recipients. The FVE will ensure that accompanying award materials will include appropriate recognition and information to scholarship recipients related to the funding and support source.