

# The Merial Veterinary Scholars Program at AVC



***Get the most out of your summer research experience!  
Attend the 2010 Merial NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium  
in Athens, Georgia, for free!***

## **What is the Merial Veterinary Scholars Program?**

The mission of the Merial Veterinary Scholars Program <http://www.merialscholars.com/> is to provide enhanced exposure to biomedical research and career opportunities in research. The program is available to veterinary students in their first or second year of veterinary school, from AVC and any other veterinary school that participates in the program <http://www.merialscholars.com/programs.html>. Through a partnership between AVC and Merial it is intended that these experiences will stimulate scholars and future veterinarians to consider a career in biomedical research.

## **What is Involved in Being a Merial Veterinary Scholar at AVC?**

Merial Scholars at AVC will have a summer research placement with an AVC researcher who has agreed to employ and mentor the scholar in their laboratory. Merial Scholars are automatically enrolled in the AVC Summer Research & Leadership Program, a 13-week program of enhanced research experience.

## **What Are the Added Advantages of Being a Merial Veterinary Scholar at AVC?**

Successful applicants will receive a stipend of \$5,200 for their summer research placement with an AVC researcher. Merial provides funding for 50% of the stipend (i.e. \$2,600 of the \$5,200 stipend). In addition, Merial provides 100% reimbursement of the travel and registration costs for the Merial NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium, while AVC provides funding for the Director of the Summer Research & Leadership Program to accompany the students to the symposium.

## **Merial NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium**

The Merial Veterinary Scholars Program culminates in a national symposium where veterinary students participating in the program gather from all over the U.S. and Canada to present their research findings and share experiences from their various programs. There will be presentations with invited research leaders. Networking opportunities with invited veterinary scientists, researchers and faculty members are also part of the national symposium program. The 2010 Merial NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium will be hosted by the University of Georgia, Aug 5-8, 2010.

**How Do I Apply?**

Apply now using the form for the Merial Veterinary Scholar fellowship application (below). Applications close on February 15, 2010. Selection is competitive, and two Merial positions are available for 2010, with the expectation of a higher number next year (however there is no limit on the number of places in the Summer Research & Leadership Program). Applicants must agree to attend the symposium in Athens GA, August 5-8, 2010.

**Need Help?**

Need help identifying a research interest or faculty mentor? Contact Jan Lovy, program coordinator, at [jlovy@upei.ca](mailto:jlovy@upei.ca). Other questions? Contact Rosemary McIver, program administrator, at [mciver@upei.ca](mailto:mciver@upei.ca)

# Merial Veterinary Scholars Program Application Form



**This application must be submitted by February 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered.**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Information (Program enrolled in and graduating year):

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College/University History: List the name of institution, date of graduation,  
major, and degree

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Have a letter of recommendation emailed to Rosemary McIver, [mciver@upei.ca](mailto:mciver@upei.ca)  
and list the name and affiliation of the person writing the letter below:

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\*Please answer the following question in no more than 1 page and attach to the  
application. If you are selected as a Merial Veterinary Scholar then this  
information will also be used to best match your interests with a faculty mentor.

Indicate your interest in participating in the Summer Research and Leadership  
Program and the type of research you are interested in. Please include your  
preferences of labs in which you would like to work and how this may help your  
future career goals. Applications can be dropped off, mailed, faxed or e-  
mailed to:

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