AVMA Foundation
Young Investigator Award (YIA)
Call for Applications
Sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) & American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF)

Graduate veterinarians pursuing advanced research training through doctoral or post-doctoral programs are invited to compete for the AVMA/AVMF sponsored Young Investigator Award by submitting a research abstract, biographical sketch (specific requirements presented below), and supporting letter from their research mentor.

A panel of scientists will evaluate the abstracts for innovation, experimental design, potential impact of results and outcomes, and relevance to comparative biomedicine. Five finalists will be selected to attend the 16th Annual Merial-NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium hosted by UC Davis, in Davis, CA on July 30 – August 2, 2015. The five finalists will receive complimentary travel, accommodations and meeting registration. The five finalists will be asked to present a 10-minute talk at the Merial-NIH Symposium on Friday, July 31st. On the basis of the scientific merit, overall quality of presentation, and responses to questions at these talks, awards will be presented at the closing banquet.

Separately, all applicants will also be considered for attendance at the Burroughs Wellcome Sponsored ‘Becoming Faculty’ workshop (see separate attachment). This 4-day program (arriving evening of Wed. Jul 29th, departing Sun. Aug 2nd) is held in parallel with the Merial-NIH symposium and is designed to provide mentorship and advice to new faculty members or those considering employment in an academic setting. All 5 finalists in the above competition are also invited to attend this workshop.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 22nd

Qualifications: Veterinarians who are pursuing advanced research training in doctoral or post-doctoral programs as well as veterinarians who have or expect to complete training in 2014 or 2015 are invited to submit abstracts. Award recipients from previous years, combined (dual) degree students who have not yet completed the DVM (or equivalent), and those who cannot personally present their work at the Symposium are ineligible to participate.
**Application Materials:** The following documentation must be submitted as MS Word documents:

- Applicant information, including contact information (name, address, phone number, e-mail) and a 2-3 page biographical sketch in NIH format.
- Abstract title, authorship (names and institutional affiliations) and abstract, not exceeding one typed page (US Letter size, 12 point font, 1 inch margins). The abstract should not contain figures or tables; however, these may be submitted as supporting material.
- A letter from the candidate’s research mentor. The letter should describe the degree of the applicant’s involvement in the submitted work and that the candidate is a graduate veterinarian currently or recently engaged in research training as specified above.

**Address for Submission:** Please submit all application materials as attachments to an e-mail having the subject “2015 Young Investigator Award Submission [Applicant’s Name]” to sjkanoho@ucdavis.edu.

I look forward to receiving your submissions by May 22nd.

Sincerely,

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