

GLOBAL FELINE HEALTH AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY RESEARCH & EXPERIENCE FELLOWSHIPS

TIMELINE FOR SUBMISSION AND SELECTION

Proposal Submission Deadline: By 11:59pm, February 11, 2024

Communication of decisions: Prior to Spring Break in March 2024

PROGRAM INFORMATION & ELIGIBILITY

GLOBAL FELINE HEALTH FELLOWSHIPS: Fellowships will be awarded to professional veterinary students and/or graduate students to conduct research that is focused on improving the health of domestic or wild felids. Projects may focus on basic or applied research and can include or be augmented by field and/or clinical experiences that will advance the student's professional and personal development. To be eligible for consideration, graduate students applying for these fellowships must have a major professor in the School of Veterinary Medicine at UC Davis. DVM students must have a mentor who is a UC Davis faculty member. The research and field/clinical experiences must be globally engaged and involve multiple countries or cultures.

GLOBAL UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: Fellowships will be awarded to professional veterinary students and/or graduate students to conduct research that is focused on improving the health of the animals and/or people living in underserved low-income communities. Projects may focus on animal (any species; companion, food animals or wildlife) or public health problems and can include or be augmented by field and/or clinical experiences that will advance the student's professional and personal development. To be eligible, graduate students applying for these fellowships must have a major professor in the School of Veterinary Medicine at UC Davis. DVM students must have a mentor who is a UC Davis faculty member. The research and field/clinical experiences must be globally engaged and involve multiple countries or cultures.

Students may apply for either or both of these fellowships if they meet the criteria. However, they can only receive one of these fellowships. Awarded students may also apply for and receive International Summer Externship support in addition to one of these fellowships.

Please Note - The Review Committees for these fellowships and the STAR Program are separate. Therefore, if students are selected for both, they must select one (they cannot receive funding for both).

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Global Fellowships for Feline Health and Underserved Community will be **\$6,786 each**, which will be allocated directly to the student awardees. These funds can be used for the student's stipend, travel, and/or project research expenses with the approval of the faculty mentor.

Submission of an application for the Feline Health or Underserved Community Fellowship indicates that a successful applicant agrees to all of the following "Conditions of Award:"

- Students are expected to commit a full-time effort to their project for at least 8 weeks of the summer during which other activities the student may engage in cannot conflict or otherwise interfere with the ability of the student to participate full-time in their research and/or clinical/field activities proposed in the approved fellowship application.
- The approved research and clinical/field activities should be conducted during the 10-12 week summer period 2024. With the approval of the mentor, funding can be applied to a follow-up visit or continued efforts on the research during the winter holiday break of 2024-2025.
- Travel restrictions: there could be international travel restrictions for students based on health, safety, and security risks. Applicants should consider domestic (e.g. within California or the US that does not require air travel) and/or remote alternatives for their projects that will meet their personal/professional goals. Associate Dean Woutrina Smith and the Global Programs team will work directly with any students who are awarded externship funding but cannot travel due to restrictions, to develop an alternative plan or consider deferring funding.
- For research projects that may require documentation of IRB (human subjects) or IACUC (animal use) approval, the protocol submission status must be provided and the approvals must be in place before the start of the project.
- If the awardee is going to work with BSL2+ agents or biohazard materials, the student is responsible for proper training (i.e., by taking online courses offered via UCD EH&S for laboratory and research safety training. These classes can be viewed at: <http://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu>).
- Award recipients must register their trip with UC Davis, attend a mandatory safety training conducted by the SVM Office of Global Programs, make a travel clinic appointment, sign the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine International Travel Agreement 2024, verify insurance, and provide information on emergency contacts, at home and abroad, as a stipulation of the award.
- Award recipients must agree to report on the research and clinical/field activities conducted during the summer of their fellowship by submission of a 1 page report with 5 high-quality photos and a 2-3 min. video. The report, photos, and video will be posted on the Office for Global Programs website. Fellowship recipients will be required to give a 2 min. oral presentation to accompany the video at a special evening hosted by the SVM Office for Global Programs to inform and encourage other SVM students who might be interested in globally engaged opportunities to apply, and to inspire potential faculty mentors.
- The video is due Sept. 4, 2024 and the report is due no later than Oct. 2, 2024. Video and report with photos should be uploaded to the student Box folder.
- Any additional research or activities relating to this fellowship that are conducted during the winter holiday break should be described in a supplemental written report with 3 photos that must be submitted by Feb 10, 2025
- Awarded recipients will be willing to discuss their globally engaged experience with prospective students interested in applying for global fellowships.
- Awardees will acknowledge the SVM Office for Global Programs support in any publications resulting from the research project.