

GLOBAL FELINE HEALTH AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY RESEARCH & EXPERIENCE FELLOWSHIPS

TIMELINE FOR SUBMISSION AND SELECTION

Proposal Submission Deadline: By midnight Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Communication of decisions: Spring Break 2021

PROGRAM INFORMATION & ELIGIBILITY

GLOBAL FELINE HEALTH FELLOWSHIPS: Five 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 primarily at a site or institution outside of the USA.

GLOBAL UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: Two 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 for consideration, DVM students must have a mentor who is a UC Davis faculty member. The research and field/clinical experiences must be primarily at a site or with an institution outside of the USA.

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 receive an International Summer Externship 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 will have to decide which one they want to receive (they cannot receive funding for both).

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Global Fellowships for Feline Health and Underserved Community will be **approximately \$6,000 each** (exact amount TBD) 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 11-12 week summer period 2021. 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 2021-2022.
- **Travel Restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic:** At the present time we do not know if UC Davis will restrict international travel for students next summer (June-August 2021). 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 Conrad will work directly with all students who are awarded fellowship funding to determine if they are able to travel or if not, either employ an alternative plan or defer funding to be used in the summer of 2022 (for 1st year student applicants) or for their senior externship (for 2nd year student applicants).
- For research projects that may require documentation of IRB (human subjects) or IACUC (animal use) approval, the protocol submission status must be provided before funding can be awarded 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, 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>. Once this training is accomplished, we will need proof of the accomplishment with copies of the "Certificates of Training" given by EH&S before fellowship funds are allocated. Award recipients must register their trip, attend a mandatory safety training conducted by the SVM Office for Global Programs, make a travel clinic appointment, sign the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine International Travel Agreement 2021, verify insurance and complete a full page of 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 and used to promote this fellowship and the SVM students' global programs. Fellowship recipients will be required to give a 2 min oral presentation to accompany the video at a special evening hosted by the Office for Global Programs to inform and encourage other SVM students who might be interested in international opportunities and potential faculty mentors.
- The video is due Sept. 13, 2021 and the report is due no later than Oct. 4, 2021. Video and report with photos should be sent to Dr. Paulina Crook at pzcrook@ucdavis.edu
- 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 11, 2022.
- Awarded recipients will be willing to discuss their international 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.