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NESTLÉ PURINA VETERINARY STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The objective of this program is to provide veterinary students with an opportunity to participate in research and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in canine and feline nutrition and health. To support this goal, a fund has been established that will provide small grants up to \$10,000 to faculty members to support a well-designed research project and a veterinary student's summer salary. The research should be conducted or coordinated by the student and be of sufficient quality to support publication in a veterinary or other scientific journal. In addition to their primary research project, funded students may have opportunities to participate in other scholarly or research activities under the guidance of the faculty member, providing a broader research experience.

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to faculty members who are willing to serve as supervisor and mentor to the veterinary student. Selection is based on the review of proposals received on or before November 1st of each calendar year. Preference is given to those studies addressing nutritional issues relevant to canines and felines. Invasive or terminal research projects are not eligible for funding.

To apply for a grant, interested students should secure the assistance of a faculty member willing to serve as their supervisor. The faculty supervisor must submit the materials itemized below.

The application packet should include the following:

1. **Cover letter** describing the purpose of the research project, the anticipated findings, and the significance of those findings if the research is successful.
2. **Research proposal**, limited to 3 typed pages, that must include the following sections:
 - Research hypothesis or objective
 - Brief review of published literature and other supporting observations
 - Experimental design, including the specific role of the veterinary student
 - Budget detailing key expenses. Indirect costs may not exceed 25% of direct costs, excluding salary and equipment.
3. **Evidence of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval.** If approval has not yet been obtained, a copy of the IACUC submission should be provided. If the proposal is selected for funding, proof of IACUC approval must be submitted before funds are distributed.

To apply for a Nestlé Purina Veterinary Student Summer Research Fellowship, please send the information itemized above for receipt on or before November 1st to Dr. Julie Spears at Julie.spears@rd.nestle.com.

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