



## **LSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP**

**Who:** LSU Veterinary Medical Students and Graduate Students interested in ONE HEALTH studies abroad

**How:** Submit the materials listed below

**What:** Financial support for clinical and research electives

**When:** Applications accepted any time

### **Background:**

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine has established initial funding for a fellowship program, to be administered by the SVM Office of International Programs and Associate Dean for Student Affairs, that will provide travel expenses for LSU veterinary medical students and graduate students who arrange research or clinical electives/externships abroad. Fellowships will provide an award of \$3000 toward travel and living expenses abroad in each school year. Additional fellowships may be awarded pending availability of funding. The scholarship program is patterned after the FIPSE/CAPES US-Brazil Student Exchange Program awarded to LSU and funded by the US Department of Education from 2004-2008. Fellows will be required to prepare an application for support and present a written report describing their activities upon completion and will also present a poster on their project at the Annual Phi Zeta research day.

The travel fellowships are designed to meet a demonstrated interest by many LSU SVM and Graduate students in pursuing international research or clinical electives. A number of such studies have been completed previously that were funded from a various sources, including the Merck-Merial Animal Health Summer Research Scholars Program. As part of the effort to 'internationalize the curriculum', it is believed that early hands-on experience in the international arena in novel settings is an excellent way to stimulate students to explore careers in international veterinary medicine and research.

### **Eligibility:**

Students in the LSU Veterinary Medicine and graduate advanced studies programs who express an interest in international studies may apply. Applicants must arrange a research experience or clinical externship with the approval of a supervising LSU faculty mentor. An overseas mentor must also be identified, and a research plan or plan of clinical study presented. Eligibility is limited to veterinary medical students and post-graduate students enrolled at LSU.

### **Selection Criteria:**

Applicants will be selected based on their academic credentials, recommendations, quality of their proposal and evidence of a sincere interest in pursuing full time or part-time involvement in some aspect of international veterinary medicine or research as a career goal.

## **LSU International Student Travel Application Instructions:**

Submit the following application materials to the SVM Office of International Programs or the SVM Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs:

Curriculum vitae containing education, training, work experience, prior research experience, any publications or abstracts, honors and awards. Be sure to indicate year of veterinary medical school or graduate school, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address.

Cover letter (one page) including the following information:

- Why you are interested in international veterinary medicine or international ONE health studies
- Describe any prior overseas experience
- Describe your short and long-term career objectives

Letters of recommendation, including faculty support to be provided, from:

- The supervising LSU faculty mentor
- The overseas mentor

A proposal of no more than 3 pages, describing:

- The overseas study site
- Specific objectives of the research study/externship
- For research projects, the objectives, rationale and significance, methods and anticipated problems
- For clinical projects, description of clinical activities and study plan
- Provide specific dates for participation in elective studies of 8-12 weeks duration

Budget page:

- List anticipated costs for travel, including best-price round-trip airfare and living expenses
- Also list funds for supplies, student wages and other costs that may be provided from other sources such as other organized fellowship programs, existing mentor funds or pharmaceutical firms.
- Preferential consideration will be given to projects in which matching funds are committed from other sources.
- No funding will be provided for attendance of organized didactic courses or scientific meetings.

Selection for Funding:

--A selection committee of three SVM Faculty members appointed by the SVM Office of International Programs and the Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs will review and recommend applications for funding based on quality of the proposal and availability of funds.

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