Call for applications

2017 AVMA/AVMF Young Investigator Award (YIA)

Sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF)

In association with the Burroughs Wellcome Becoming Faculty Workshop, Aug 3-4, 2017 and the National Veterinary Scholars Symposium at NIH-Natcher Center, Aug 4-5, 2017

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, a biographical sketch and a supporting letter from their research mentor. Specific requirements are presented further below.

A panel of scientists will evaluate the abstracts for innovation, experimental design, potential impact of results and outcomes, and relevance to comparative biomedicine. Three finalists will be selected to present their work at the National Veterinary Scholars Symposium to be held at the Natcher Center on the campus of NIH in Bethesda on August 5th, 2017. Finalists will receive complimentary travel, accommodations and meeting registration, arranged through American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC). The Young Investigator presentations will be evaluated on the basis of scientific merit, quality of presentation, and responses to questions. The winners will be recognized at the symposium with a monetary award of $2,500 (first place); $1,000 (second place); or $500 (third place).

All applicants received for the YIA will also be considered for participation in the “Becoming Faculty” workshop sponsored by Burroughs-Wellcome, which will be held on the HHMI grounds in Bethesda. This 2-day program, held in parallel with the Symposium, is designed to provide mentorship and advice to new faculty members or those considering employment in an academic setting. All 3 finalists and an additional 5-6 outstanding YIA applicants will be invited to attend this workshop, which will start on the morning of Thursday, August 3, and conclude on Friday, August 4, 2017.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 22, 2017

All finalists will be notified by: June 5, 2017

Qualifications:

Submissions will be accepted from veterinarians who are pursuing advanced research training in doctoral or post-doctoral training programs, as well as veterinarians who have completed such training in 2016 or 2017 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 apply. Priority will be given to those who are about to embark on their first faculty positions, or have recently assumed a position in academia.

Application materials to be submitted include:

- Applicant information including contact information (name, address, phone number, email) and a biographical sketch in current NIH post-doctoral application format.
- Please see the following links for
  - Instructions for the biosketch
  - NIH biosketch form
  - A sample biosketch
- Abstract title, authorship (names and institutional affiliations), and abstract not exceeding one page (US letter size, 11 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 verify that the candidate is a graduate veterinarian currently or recently engaged in research training, as specified above, and comment on the potential of the applicant for success in a career in academia and for making contributions to veterinary medicine and biomedical sciences.
- All documents should be submitted as a single pdf at the submission site.

YIA Application Submission Site:

Please use the following website for submitting your application by 11.59pm on May 22, 2017.

https://web.cvm.msu.edu/AVMAYIAward

The application site will be available as of May 12, 2017.

On behalf of the organizing leadership, Dr. Mark Simpson at NIH and Dr. Ted Mashima at AAVMC and myself at MSU, I kindly request that you make this information widely available to potential applicants.

Sincerely,

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