Veterinary Research Scholars Program
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(See program website for mentor areas of interest and contact information.

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About the VRSP program
The Veterinary Research Scholars Program at Kansas State University is an intensive research-oriented experience directed towards attracting our most talented professional students into biomedical research careers. In particular, the program exposes veterinary students to critical thinking processes inherent to hypothesis-driven research activities, methodologies involved in design and execution of laboratory experiments and multicenter clinical trials, and ethical issues pertinent to biomedical research.

Who is Eligible?
To be eligible for consideration, students must be accepted to the DVM program or have completed at least one year of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program, on or about mid-May of the application year. The program is highly competitive and selective. Successful applicants will be in the top of their class, have a sincere interest in experiencing the research environment of the college, and have excellent letters of recommendation.

Program Overview
In addition to research work with their mentor, students in the 2013 VRSP will participate in supplemental activities including weekly journal club, weekly workshops with invited speakers, a kick-off team-building activity, fieldtrips, poster session and a trip to the 2013 Merial NIH Veterinary Scholars Symposium in East Lansing, Michigan. These activities are planned to provide a well-rounded experience for the research trainee.

Important 2014 VRSP Program Dates:
- January 22: Pizza Dinner (learn more about mentors and application process)
- February 7: Application Deadline
- March 14: Selections Announced
- TBA: Orientation
- August 11: 2014 VRSP Ends

Funding
The faculty and administration at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine are dedicated to training veterinary students in comparative biomedical research. To achieve this goal, several funding mechanisms are used to organize and provide a summer research-training program for first and second year veterinary students. For the past several years, grant support from the National Center for Research Resources of the National Institutes of Health has provided the foundation for our Veterinary Research Scholars training program. In addition a grant from the Merial Research Grants Program, and department and college support allow us to provide competitive scholarships for 10 students who are attending US Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and 2 students who are attending Veterinary College outside the US.

Veterinary Research Scholars participate in the 3-month program beginning mid-May and concluding mid-August. The program consists of mentored research training program faculty and weekly research workshops. The summer stipend is approximately $2,000 per month for the 3-month duration of the program.

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