

One of the key objectives of The Association of Veterinary Students is to support students throughout their veterinary training. As a response to member feedback AVS announced the inaugural AVS EMS Grants in May 2018 with support from VDS Training as part of a year-long project to support students with their extra mural studies.

The grants were designed to support students with the financial burden of extra-mural studies (EMS) and to fill a gap in the market by providing financial support for students undertaking clinical EMS at veterinary practices in the UK & Ireland.

In the second year of the grant scheme we are delighted to offer EMS grants of £200 to 5 AVS members in the academic year 2019/20, the placement can be undertaken anytime before the start of the 2020/21 academic year.

What are we looking for in a grant application?

We are looking for evidence that applicants will be attending their proposed clinical EMS placement within the UK & Ireland during the 2019/20 academic year.

The placement must be of the traditional 'seeing practice' type, and not clinical research, or outside of the UK & Ireland

Applicants must be in years 3-5 of their veterinary degree, or years 4-6 if studying at Cambridge University Veterinary School. The placement must be 5 - 14 days in duration.

We are also looking for an explanation as to why you would not be able to complete the full placement without the support of an AVS EMS Grant.

What is expected of grant recipients?

Grant recipients are expected to attend their clinical EMS placement during the 2019/20 academic year, and to inform the AVS committee immediately if their EMS placement is cancelled or moved outside of the 2019/20 academic year. If the placement is cancelled/moved outside of the 2019/20 academic year the grant money will be reallocated.

Grant recipients are also expected to produce a VLOG or written article within 7 days of the completion of their clinical EMS placement reflecting on their placement, how the grant helped them complete the placement and how they furthered their veterinary skills and knowledge on the placement. The VLOG or written article will become the property of AVS and will be used by AVS and VDS Training to promote the grants in future years.

The closing date for applications is 9pm Wednesday 1st December 2019.

Applicants are expected to complete the entire application form found on pages 2,3 and 4. The applications will be anonymised and then reviewed, and grants allocated by the grant application panel. Applicants will be notified by Monday 13th January 2020 if they are successful. The grants will be awarded during the AVS AGM at AVS Congress 2020, Surrey Vet School. If you cannot attend AVS Congress 2020 you are still encouraged to apply!

The Grant Application Panel will comprise of:

The 2019/20 AVS President

Carolyne Crowe, VDS Training

Ebony Escalona, VDS Training

Two non-executive members of AVS Committee 2019/20

Any queries or questions regarding the application process should be sent to Antonia Leech, AVS Secretary avscommittee@gmail.com

Application form Part 1

Full Name: _____

Academic Year: _____

University: _____

Email: _____

Non-term time address:

Application form Part 2

Please provide the address and length of the Clinical EMS placement for which you are applying for a grant:

What category of EMS are you applying for funding for (e.g Small Animal, Mixed, Farm):

What are the main things you wish to learn from this EMS Placement:

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Will you be able to undertake all or part of this placement without an AVS EMS grant? If yes, how will you fund this?

Why would you not be able to undertake this placement without financial support?

Application form Part 3

Please state specifically what you will use the grant for and the estimated cost of each.

Acceptable uses for the grants are second class rail travel, 2 or 3 hotels in areas not commutable from your university or non-term time address, petrol and subsistence costs. Other reasonable costs will be considered.*

What other financial support do you receive besides student finance, if any?

- ☐ I receive financial help from parents or family whilst on EMS
- ☐ I receive grants/money from my university/veterinary school on top of my student finance
- ☐ I do not receive any money from the university, family or other sources on top of student finance.

I confirm that the information I have provided on this application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I will inform AVS EMS Grants Committee if my situations change ☐

If I am successful I acknowledge that I am required to produce a VLOG or written article for AVS & VDS Training to use to promote the AVS EMS Grant Scheme in promotional material, on social media and the AVS Website as outlined above ☐

If I am successful I consent to AVS using my name and details (year of study, university) in press releases publicising the grant awards. ☐

I consent to AVS storing my details for up to 3 years for grant allocation purposes, statistical analysis (which will be anonymised if ever to be published) and to enable AVS to contact me regarding my application ☐

Signed

Date

**Please submit your completed application form to AVS.EMS.Grants@gmail.com by 9pm
Wednesday 13th December 2019.**