Dear Veterinary Student,

The Association of Veterinary Students and The Veterinary Defence Society are delighted to announce the opening of 5x 200 pounds AVS x VDS EMS Grants, 2022.

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 Travel Grants in May 2018 with support from VDS Training as part of a two-year project to support students with their extra mural studies.

The grants were designed to support students with financial aid to help complete extra-mural studies (EMS) weeks, in particular, clinical EMS, at veterinary practices in the UK & Ireland.

Who can apply?

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. Vet students must be studying in either the United Kingdom, or at the University College Dublin Vet School.

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 are we looking for in a grant application?

- Evidence

- that applicants will be attending their proposed clinical EMS placement within the UK & Ireland during the between June 2022 and June 2023.

- Day 1 Competencies

- the placement must be at a Veterinary Practice, in which DAY 1 COMPETENCIES are highly encouraged. This is because the Day 1 Competencies are to be met in order to graduate from Vet School, and AVS and VDS feel strongly that the Grant is given to those who are committed to excelling or are striving to meet these competencies, rather than those who are looking to complete EMS at a specialised veterinary hospital (for example).
Here are some EMS guides to help just before you start your placement:

Small Animal:
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53221649e4b04155244f4c91/t/62877f62f8031730652b9589/1653047139719/AVS%2BEMS%2BResource%2BS_Animal%26%2BInfo%2Bto%2Bvets.pdf

Equine:
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53221649e4b04155244f4c91/t/62877fdc4ac8360762fdfe23/1653047260775/AVS%2BEquine%2BPre-EMS%2BForm%2Bv.F.pdf

Farm:
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53221649e4b04155244f4c91/t/6287800f0211a1734af9a3c4/1653047312109/AVS%2BLarge%2BAnimal%2BPre-EMS%2BForm%2Bv..F.pdf

What is expected of grant recipients?

Grant recipients are expected to attend their clinical EMS placement between July 2022 and July 2023, and to inform the AVS committee immediately if their CEMS placement is cancelled or moved outside of this time period. If the placement is cancelled/moved outside of the July 2022-July 2023 time period the grant money will be re-allocated.

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 VLOG or written article should be sent to avscommittee@gmail.com. Feel free to check out JAVS for inspiration: https://www.avsukireland.co.uk/javs

The AVS EMS Grants Application Form is sponsored by VDS Training.

The closing date for applications is 11.59pm Sunday 19th June, 2022. Applicants are expected to complete the entire application form found on pages 3 and 4. The applications will be anonymised and then reviewed, and grants allocated by the grant application panel. Applicants will be notified, via E-mail, by Monday 27th June 2022 if they are successful. The Grant Application Panel will comprise of: The 2021/22 AVS President Charlotte Tobin-Williams, Carolyne Crowe from VDS Training, and another member from VDS Training, and the AVS Committee 2021/22.

Any queries or questions regarding the application process should be sent to the 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, Equine, Farm, Mixed):

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

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Can you explain how your chosen practice will help fulfil Day 1 Competencies?

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.

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

(as I am from a single parent and low income house hold I have got the RVC bursary to support my living costs and car insurance)

☐ 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 avscommittee@gmail.com by Sunday 19th June, by 11:59pm, 2022.