Dear Veterinary Student,

The Association of Veterinary Students (AVS) and The Veterinary Defence Society Limited (VDS) are delighted to announce the opening of 5 x £200 (or equivalent euro amount) AVS x VDS EMS Grants for 2022.

One of the key objectives of the AVS is to support students throughout their veterinary training. As a response to member feedback, AVS announced the inaugural AVS EMS (Extra Mural Studies) Travel Grants in May 2018 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 EMS weeks, in particular, clinical EMS, at veterinary practices in the UK and Ireland.

In 2019, the VDS launched the VDS Student Club to share tips, training and advice with students before they graduate and from 2021 onwards, the VDS sponsor this grant.

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 and 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 the 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/62877f62f8031730652b9589/1653047139719/AVS%2BEquine%2BPre-EMS%2BForm%2Bv.F.pdf

Farm:
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53221649e4b04155244f4c91/t/6287800f0211a1734af9a3c4/1653047139719/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 or moved outside of the July 2022 to 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 the VDS 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 the Veterinary Defence Society.

The closing date for applications is 11.59pm Sunday 24th July 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 8th August 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, a representative from the VDS, and a representative of 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:

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**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?

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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.

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 situation changes ☐

If I am successful, I acknowledge that I am required to produce a VLOG or written article for AVS and the VDS 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 11.59pm Sunday 24th July 2022.