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UK Veterinary Summer Scholarships

– Information for applicants

The Beaufort Cottage Educational Trust is a small charity that aims to encourage and support educational projects and events relevant to the Thoroughbred. This includes veterinary summer scholarships (of up to 10 weeks in duration) that we hope will provide promising undergraduates with hands-on experience of equine research, relevant to the Thoroughbred, during the summer vacation, with the aim of encouraging them to consider a career that incorporates research. Project areas include (but are not limited to) basic science, clinical research, animal welfare and behaviour. Applications from veterinary undergraduates wishing to conduct research projects in a UK university that is different to their own are highly encouraged. We will also consider applications from veterinary students wishing to conduct a research project in their own university.

What are the eligibility criteria? To be eligible for a summer scholarship, veterinary undergraduate students need to be:

- in the middle years of their degree studies
- registered for a veterinary degree at a UK university

The application must be endorsed by a project supervisor who holds an established academic position with a UK university. Projects may be in the student's home vet school or be based in an external laboratory or institute. Preference will be given to students who wish to use the placement to find out more about their suitability and aptitude for further research.

What funding is provided? The award will provide the student with a salary to be paid at the real living wage (£9.50 per hour outside London, £10.85 in London) for a maximum of 35 hours per week for up to 8 weeks. In addition, a contribution towards research costs of up to £500 will be provided.

What do I need to do if I am interested in applying for a summer studentship via this programme?

Please complete the attached form and return to Professor Mandy Peffers (M.J.Peffers@liverpool.ac.uk) by **Tuesday 12th March 2021**. The applications will be assessed by a panel of academics, **and the Beaufort Cottage Educational Trust**. Awards will be made on the basis of best (achievable) projects which fall within the remit of the scheme and an assessment of student CV. Please make sure that you fulfil the eligibility criteria detailed above before submitting an application. If you have any queries then please contact Professor Mandy Peffers (M.J.Peffers@liverpool.ac.uk).

Is there anything else that I should know? You will be expected to complete a brief report about your summer studentship within 3 months of completion. In addition, we hope to be able to invite you to present your research to the **Beaufort Cottage Educational Trust in Newmarket** Sept-Dec 2021 (travel expenses will be provided).

UK Veterinary Summer Scholarships – Application Form 2021

Student's name		Veterinary School	
Email address		Year of study	
Proposed supervisor (s)		Location	
Email address			
Proposed start date		Duration of project (no. of weeks, max = 8, 35h/wk)	
Title of your project			
Project plan (background, question, methods, anticipated outcome) (Max 350 words excluding figure(s), brief legend(s) and references)			
What will YOU actually do? (100 words)			
How will your project benefit your future career? (100 words)			

How is the proposed research project relevant to the Thoroughbred?¹ (200 words)

Student's CV	
Please confirm that you have attached an up to date CV	Yes/No
Have you previously done any research? (100 words)	

Signatures	
<i>Applicant: I confirm that I wish to apply for a summer studentship to undertake the project detailed above. The information given in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.</i>	
Applicants Signature:	Date
<i>Potential supervisor: I confirm that the applicant has discussed this application with me, and that if successful I will supervise the applicant for the duration of the research project.</i>	
Supervisors Signature:	Date

NB: Students required to resit exams in summer 2019 will be not be eligible to take up this scholarship.

NB: It is the supervisor's responsibility to ensure that any necessary ethical approvals are in place for the study.

BCET will provide the funds with the letter of award via a cheque sent to the primary supervisor. This will normally be payable to a University account rather than as a personal cheque to the supervisor or student.

Please provide details of how the cheque should be made payable.
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