



ESCCAP UK & Ireland Summer Research Studentships

Summer Research Studentships (SRS's) will be funded by the ESCCAP UK & Ireland during the summer each year. These studentships are intended to support undergraduate veterinary students to expand their educational experience by developing research skills in parasitology.

Eligibility and terms of award

- Eligible applicants must be students currently enrolled in a degree leading to a clinical veterinary qualification in the UK or Ireland and have completed one or more years of study.
- The SRS will support 8-10 weeks of full-time work. The studentship would be expected to run as a block during the summer but can be initiated at a different time, or split between blocks, if a case can be made.
- Applications must be submitted by the student, but the project should be supervised by one or more members of research staff at a university or other research institute in the UK or Ireland.
- Successful applicants will receive a stipend support of £150/week and a £500 honorarium for research supplies. Awards will be made directly to the successful applicant.
- Awardees are expected to provide a written report, one month after the end of project, summarizing their accomplishments.
- Awardees are encouraged to participate in and present their work at local, regional, or national undergraduate research or professional conferences.
- All applicants will be expected to obtain an approval of the Ethics Committee from the university or institute where the work will be based before the commencement of the project.
- Acknowledgement of ESCCAP UK & Ireland on any research outputs, such as manuscript or conference presentation is required.

Type of work to be funded

- The fund should be used to support the investigation of any research questions related to the biology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, treatment, or control of parasites of companion animals.
- Applicants are encouraged to explore parasitology research projects on challenging questions relevant to improving the health and welfare of companion animals. Research on emerging parasites or parasites with a

zoonotic and public health impact are encouraged. Research applications on all types of parasites are also considered.

Application requirements

- Research proposal: Maximum 700 words (excluding references and figures).
- The proposal should summarize the research, including objectives or hypothesis, experimental approach, and deliverables.
- The Proposal should bear the file name: ESCCAPUK&Ireland_SRSOPENProp(LastNameFirstName].pdf
- Applications to be submitted to: info@esccapuk.org.uk

Selection criteria

- All evaluators are asked to consider the following criteria:
- The proposal demonstrates an understanding of the field and its direction
- Description of a timely project
- Innovation of the research objectives
- How important are the proposed skills/approaches in the field?
- Is the development of these skills/approaches likely to advance the student's research competence?
- An achievable/realistic timeline (appropriate for 8-10 weeks of full-time work)
- Commitment and experience of the project supervisors

Contacts

All queries should be directed to ESCCAP UK & Ireland's Secretary at info@esccapuk.org.uk