

# Merck Animal Health Resident and Fellow Support Program

Merck Animal Health is proud to offer funding for a veterinary residency or fellowship. The major focus and ultimate goal of this program is to encourage and foster the development of the next generation of veterinary thought leaders in the fields of infectious disease, internal medicine, oncology, and parasitology. Recipients of the award will receive funding for their academic programs and research, as well as gain additional training in presentation creation and delivery, business/financial acumen, communication, and other skills necessary to prepare them for success in their roles as leaders in the field.

## **Overview:**

- The award does not alter any pre-existing requirements of the residency or PhD training program. Specific Merck Animal Health obligations are minimal and will include:
  - Attendance at a once a year training program, which may include such training as presentation creation, presentation skills, scientific article interpretation including statistical interpretation, business/financial acumen, communication skills, interview skills, etc
  - o Once a year site visit to a Merck Animal Health vaccine or biotechnology facility
  - Present appropriate data at either national conferences or practitioner dinner meetings related to their work for approximately 6 commitments a year as arranged by Merck Animal health
- Funding to cover a maximum of 3-5 years, or the duration of the program

## **Eligibility:**

- The individual must have an academic and research focus in one of the following fields: companion animal parasitology, internal medicine, oncology, or infectious disease.
- Residents must be engaged in a training program with the intent to seek board certification.
- Fellows/PhD candidates must be board certified in a specialty of veterinary medicine or must be seeking board certification (i.e. finalizing requirements).

## **Education Minimum Requirement:**

• Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM/VMD) degree or equivalent

## **Required Experience and Skills:**

- Excellent communication skills both verbal and written
- The ability to network and develop relationships
- Self-motivation
- Ability to work independently and with a team
- Willingness to travel for Merck Animal Health obligations

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