

**International Veterinary Medicine Experiences**  
Information for Students Applying for Funding From  
Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine

**Introduction:** In order to be considered for MSU-CVM funding to support international travel for veterinary experiences, students and projects will be assessed on the requirements described below. Students must provide this information on the application forms found here:

[http://cvm.msstate.edu/images/academics/international/MSUCVMIntlFundingApp\\_9-21-17.pdf](http://cvm.msstate.edu/images/academics/international/MSUCVMIntlFundingApp_9-21-17.pdf)

In exploring opportunities for international veterinary experiences and in preparing an application, students should be able to clearly explain how the experience will advance their specific career goals, as this information will be required and used in evaluating applications. Students are also encouraged to visit the MSU International Institute website, particularly for information on logistics of traveling abroad:

<http://international.msstate.edu/faculty/traveling/index.php>

Completed applications must be sent to the Dean's office ([cindy.ratcliff@msstate.edu](mailto:cindy.ratcliff@msstate.edu)) by January 15, May 15 or September 15 of the anticipated year of travel. While funding amounts may vary on an annual basis, students are encouraged to seek additional ("matching") funds as it is unlikely awards will be sufficient to support the entire travel budget.

**General Minimum Requirements:**

1. Student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in veterinary curriculum (above requirement for good standing).
2. Student must have good moral character without history of disciplinary action.
3. Student must be enrolled in professional or dual-degree (professional/graduate) program at MSU-CVM.
4. Student must apply for travel that will occur within the four year period of professional program\*.
5. The purpose of international travel must pertain to veterinary medicine, public health, veterinary biomedical research, or related areas.
6. Student must clearly propose a means of translating their experience to an appropriate audience upon return (e.g. seminar to Prof Dev class, IVSA group, or students/faculty/staff; poster at Open House; seminar at Research Day) in the appropriate section of the application form.

\*If dual degree, then student may travel outside the time of the professional program but prior to conferral of both degrees (ie. may be after DVM but before MS/PhD conferral).

**Additional Specific Requirements:**

**A. *Projects associated with an organized group or program***

1. Group must be part of an internationally recognized and reputable association.
2. Goals must clearly relate to improving animal or public health.
3. Student must effectively describe how participation in this group activity provides a unique learning experience for furthering career goals and that no equivalent opportunity currently exists at MSU-CVM.

**B. *Projects not associated with an organized group or program***

1. Student must provide information for a contact person (including name, phone number or email, employer and credentials, if applicable) in application, as well as a letter of support from that person (e.g. course leader if receiving credit).
2. Student must provide description of project that effectively justifies purpose of international travel (e.g. is the research question unique to that geographic region?).