Announcing the 2027-2028 Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists (SVHP) Sue Duran Research Grant and Student Travel Awards

A $5000 research grant will be available in the 2027-2028 year as well as (2) $1000 grants available to students wishing to attend the 2027 SVHP Annual Meeting. This research grant is to encourage pharmacists to contribute meaningful research to the field of veterinary pharmacy, and is named after Sue Duran, one of our longstanding members who has been a pioneer in research and advocating for the inclusion of veterinary pharmacists in university research. The student travel awards seek to encourage membership and active involvement in SVHP on a student level.

Sue Duran Research Grant Program Description:

Please submit your application by **5:00 PM on May 31, 2027**. Awards will be announced by June 30, 2027, with funds available shortly thereafter. The recipient will be required to present a poster as well as a 50-minute presentation at the following year's SVHP Annual Meeting.

Presentations at other scientific meetings are encouraged but not required.

1. Applications should focus on novel areas of veterinary medicine that are pertinent to veterinary pharmacists and have not previously been studied. Examples of research include dose response studies, compatibility/stability studies, etc. This grant also encourages interdisciplinary collaboration, and submissions with veterinarians, students, and/or physicians will be given priority. These collaborations may span institutions and as such, collaborators do not have to be within the same institution. However, the primary investigator (PI; or co-PI) must be the veterinary pharmacists wishing to obtain grant funding.
    a. Awardees may not receive this grant in consecutive cycles (i.e. minimum one cycle between grant awards).
    b. Should one of the grant committee members apply for consideration, they will recuse themselves from the committee until a decision is made.
2. Each written grant submission should be a maximum of 5 pages or 2,500 words, typed. The submission should include the following sections:
    a. **Title, authors, and affiliations**
    b. **Abstract:** a single paragraph description of the proposal
    c. **Background and significance:** information necessary for the committee to understand why the work is significant and how it will contribute to the field
    d. **Plan of work:** experimental methods and procedures, including expected results and alternative approaches if necessary; must also include targeted journal for publication
    e. **Budget:** outline of proposed expenditures with estimates from pertinent companies/labs Note: grant award may not be used for salary release.
    f. **Plan for funding:** realistic plan of how the expenditures will be utilized to complete your research plan

Please submit your application to wmdtms@ufl.edu by 5:00 PM on May 31, 2027.

Student Travel Program Description:

The purpose of the Student Travel Award is to provide support to students to attend the SVHP Annual Meeting. Please submit your application by **5:00 PM on March 31, 2027.** Awards will be announced by April 15, 2027, and funding will be available soon after. The recipient will be required to present a poster at the SVHP Annual Meeting. Failure to attend the SVHP Annual Meeting means the awardee must pay back the full award amount ($1000). Funding may only be used to assist the student in travel-related expenses including transportation (airfare, taxi, parking), conference registration, poster printing, and hotel/lodging. All receipts must be submitted to Counsel within 30 days following the annual meeting. Up to two Student Travel Grants will be awarded annually.

1. Applications should describe the students' background and interest in veterinary medicine as well as how they feel financial help attending the SVHP Annual Meeting will help further their career aspirations.
    a. Students may only be awarded this grant once to ensure many students have the opportunity for financial assistance in attending this meeting.
    b. Recipients will be required to present a poster at the SVHP Annual Meeting on a topic of their choice but must disclose/discuss their planned topic in the grant submission. The grant committee reserves the right to help guide the students on their chosen topic.
2. Eligibility:
    a. Must be a full-time professional student in their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th years (i.e. pharmacy student, veterinary student) and in good academic standing.
3. Application Specifications:
    a. **Personal Statement:** Justify how you will use the Research Travel award by including, but not limited to, the importance of this travel to your professional advancement
    b. **Estimated Budget:** on a separate document, discuss specific items (listed above) the money will be used to cover and how much will be allocated to each item
    c. **Curriculum Vitae**
    d. **Letter of Support** from a faculty mentor

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