MSD Animal Health is now welcoming applications for its 2020 MSD Animal Health Research Bursary for veterinary students. The MSD Animal Health Research Bursary is designed to provide financial assistance to enable veterinary students to carry out their own veterinary research project. We are looking for students who would like to apply for a bursary and welcome applications from students who will complete their research project by May 2022.

Students who wish to apply for these bursaries will be required to submit a completed application form outlining their proposed research project to MSD Animal Health no later than Friday 26th June 2020. Each application should cover the aims, objectives and hypothesis of their research project, as well as details of the methods of research, expected outcomes and budgetary requirements. The application form is available for download on MSD Animal Health's Research Bursary web page (www.msdahresearchbursary.co.uk). Applicants will be informed as to whether they are successful or not by 31st July 2020.

Successful applicants will be invited to the annual MSD Animal Health Research Bursary day to present their research conclusions and will have the opportunity to see behind the scenes of MSD Animal Health’s headquarters in Milton Keynes. Each bursary winner will be required to make a 20-25 minute presentation outlining the findings of their research. Based on the content of these presentations and the written reports an additional £1,000 top prize will be awarded for the best research project and a £500 runner-up prize. The two prize winners will have the opportunity of receiving a further £500 award if they present their findings at a relevant UK veterinary conference. This will be facilitated by MSD Animal Health with funding of hotel accommodation and delegate registration. The reports will also be featured in MSD Animal Health’s company and veterinary industry publicity.

Successful applicants whose research projects are completed by 1st May 2021 will be required to produce a 1,500 word written report and relevant photography by Friday 14th May 2021. Good photography is an essential part of your report as it may be used for promotional purposes. Please ensure you provide high quality images that could be used in the veterinary media. These successful applicants will be invited to the MSD Animal Health Research Bursary day in early June 2021 to present their research projects. An evening meal with fellow bursary recipients and hotel accommodation on the preceding evening will be organised and covered by MSD Animal Health (as will reasonable travel expenses). A representative from each student’s veterinary school will also be invited to attend both the evening meal and the MSD Animal Health Research Bursary day.

Successful applicants whose research projects are completed by 1st May 2022 will be required to produce a 1,500 word written report and relevant photography by Friday 13th May 2022.

We look forward to receiving your application for 2020. In the meantime, if you require any further information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mary Longhurst on 020 3609 8613 or 07803 205550 or by email; msdahbursary@merck.com

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