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

Student or qualified veterinary nurses who wish to apply for the bursary 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.

The successful applicant will be expected to submit a 1,500 word written report and relevant photography on completion of their research project. Good photography is an essential part of your final report as it may be used for promotional purposes. Please ensure you provide high quality images that could be used in the veterinary media. The successful applicant will also be invited to the annual MSD Animal Health Research Bursary day to present their research conclusions and will have the opportunity to meet veterinary student bursary recipients and see behind the scenes of MSD Animal Health’s headquarters in Milton Keynes. The date for the Research Bursary Day will be in June 2021 or June 2022 depending on when the project is completed and will be confirmed closer to the time.

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). 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. 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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