Florida Veterinary Scholars Program
Biomedical Research Opportunities for Veterinary Students

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FVSP Mission

• To expose veterinary students to career opportunities in biomedical research

• Industry
  • Drug development, testing, marketing

• Government
  • CDC, NIH, USDA

• Academia
FVSP Program Details

- 10 weeks
- Applied or clinical research
- UF or other BI-affiliated program
- May 21-July 27
- Often combined with VEM 5991
- Stipend - $5,000
  - 50% Deans Office/Grants
  - 50% match from mentor
FVSP Program Details

- Weekly 2 hr lecture/field trips
- Balance of time in sponsor’s lab
- Presentation of research results (poster format)
- BI-NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium
  - Optional funded travel and poster presentation
  - Hosted by Texas A&M University
MAF Scholar Program

- Same summer program
- Slightly different application process
  - http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/researchers/veterinary-student-scholars/
- One application from UF forwarded to MAF
What do you have to do?

- Visit website
  - [http://research.vetmed.ufl.edu/research-programs/student-scholars-program/](http://research.vetmed.ufl.edu/research-programs/student-scholars-program/)
- Talk to faculty
  - Ask me or last year’s students for recommendations
- Apply
  - Academic credentials (undergrad and 1st semester GPA)
  - Personal statement
    - Career goals and why you want to participate
  - Rank faculty mentors
Who gets funded?

- Number of students depends on available funding
- Student criteria
  - GPA and personal statement
- Faculty criteria
  - Project abstract
  - Availability of project and stipend matching funds
  - History of mentorship
Association with VEM 5991

- Students are eligible to enroll for summer and receive VEM 5991 credit
  - If project will be completed during that period
  - Draft manuscript written
- Alternatively, the VEM 5991 requirement must be fulfilled before 3rd year Spring
Why should you apply?

- See if you like research!
- Complete individualized research credit (while getting paid!)
- If you attend the NVSP conference, poster done for later presentation
- Potential publication
- Bonus for application to residency/internship programs
- Opens opportunities for alternate careers
FVSP Funding

- UF CVM
  - Office of Research and Graduate Studies
  - Faculty mentors
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- Morris Animal Foundation
- Florida Veterinary Medical Association
- PetSmart Charities