



ACV & Schering Plough Rural Practice Scholarship 2008^p

Background

The Rural Practice Scholarship is open to young cattle veterinarians - both students and newer graduates who are current members of ACV. (Not all sections are open to all groups – see below for further details). ACV greatly values the ongoing support of Schering-Plough Animal Health in this project. The aim of this scholarship is enable the successful applicant/s to further their career in bovine practice.

Please note that applicants MUST include the relevant form as part of the entry.

Criteria for 2008.

Who is eligible? The Rural Practice Scholarship is open to young cattle veterinarians – the Level 1 prize of conference attendance is open to both veterinary students and new graduates. The major prize is not open to students.

Applicants must be **current ACV members** (and attending the stand-alone conference to be judged eligible for the major prize).

Who is NOT eligible? Previous winners of ACV major awards and/or of this scholarship (previous Class A or part A) are not eligible to enter. Winners of Level 1 (or previous Part B) of this award are eligible to apply for conference attendance and also to apply for the major prize in the same or subsequent years (providing other criteria is met).

Level 1 (Previously called Part B)

Prize: Support for attendance at ACV 2008 Conference in Geelong

Entrants must be



Enrolled veterinary undergraduate students at an Australian University



or newer graduates (up to 4 and including 4 years from graduation). working in Australian Cattle practice

and current ACV members



The Prize



Registration including breakfast and dinners at the ACV conference to be held at Mercure Inn Geelong 19-22 November 2008.



Accommodation maximum 4 nights at the Mercure Inn (this will be on a same sex, share basis with other winner/s)

Accommodation will be booked by the ACV office at the Mercure Inn Geelong for the nights of 19-22 November 2008. Winners **must** notify the ACV office BY EMAIL of their arrival and departure times.



Additionally a limited number of the winners will receive a contribution (up to \$500) towards travel to and from the conference. (This will normally be equivalent to the advance purchase (budget/ "red E" or similar) economy air fare from the nearest airport to either Tullamarine or Avalon airport plus mini bus transfers to Geelong. This estimate is expected to be the amount paid for the travel if the application is successful. Successful applicants are encouraged to book their flights as soon as possible after they are notified and to contact the ACV office should the price have changed significantly since the time of application.

Alternatively, winners for whom land transport is more practical should estimate the travel component on the basis of 63 cents per km return to their normal place of residence.

All arrangements for attendance need to be made by the winner (including flights, transfers etc and for arrangement of leave from their employment and/or course).

Winners are responsible for any or all other expenses incurred (eg meals, telephone, minibar, laundry etc) before, during and after the conference.

Runners up will either receive registration and accommodation or registration only to the ACV Geelong conference. No travel allowance will be provided to any runner-up.

The Major Prize (previously Part A)

In 2008, the criteria, major prize and means of judging the major award have changed. The Major winner will be selected from entries received for the Level 1 winners who will receive subsidized attendance at the ACV Geelong conference. The major prize is not open to veterinary students, however the Level 1 prizes (conference attendance) are.

The prize?

The major prize in 2008 will be a study tour to the US or UK to be taken within 12 months of the award being announced. Staff at the sponsoring company will assist the winner in planning their trip if desired.

Alternatively, the application may be another project of their choice which **MUST** also be completed and the report submitted to ACV within 12 months of the award being announced.

The application process.

The winner of the major prize will be judged on their written application and also during the Geelong conference. A short interview at the time of the conference may be required and if so, eligible applicants for the major prize will be informed of their interview time at the conference.

Applicants for the major prize will be judged at the ACV conference and are encouraged to interact with the Schering-Plough staff at dinners etc, so that an adequate assessment of their suitability can be made.

Major Prize

Applicants should be



Veterinary Graduates of from two to four years standing



Current Members of ACV



Working in cattle practice in Australia.

This award is designed for young graduates working in cattle practice in Australia to further their career in Australian Bovine Veterinary Practice. The major scholarship prize in 2008 will be either an overseas trip to a bovine conference or study tour. The sponsor company will assist the winner in planning this trip if desired.

Alternatively, the project may be research based, a field trial, case study or other work based on some practical aspect of their work in Australian cattle practice.

Entrants are encouraged to work with employers and other experienced persons or organizations to develop and carry out their project, particularly if they chose the alternate prize rather than the study tour. Potential involvement and support of these individuals or organizations should be noted at the time of submitting the entry form.

PRIZE up to \$5000 will comprise

- \$4500 initially (at the time of award being announced)
- \$500 when the article on the winner's experience is printed in the ACV journal. No further financial support will be offered by ACV.

The winner of this class will be required to submit a report to ACV within 6 weeks of completing the trip or project. The report will be between 2 and 4 A4 pages of Arial 11 point typing plus digital photographs. It is a condition of entry that the winner agrees for ACV to print this report and photographs and hold the copyright of these items for future use as ACV sees fit.

Should the winner decide to include a trial as the basis for their application and require further financial assistance (eg the supply of pharmaceutical products for the conduct of a trial) they should approach Schering Plough in the first instance and only involve another company with the full knowledge and consent of Schering Plough.

The winner will be announced at the ACV Standalone conference at Geelong in November 2008. If a suitable applicant is not forthcoming, ACV reserves the right to allocate these monies as it sees fit.

Entrants for major prize should submit their entry (on the supplied entry form) and supporting documents directly to the ACV office by 15 April 2008 along with their application for the Level 1 prize. Should an entry for the major prize be unsuccessful, the entrant may submit a similar entry in subsequent years that the award may be offered, provided, the criteria/s of entry for that year are met.

HOW TO ENTER

Applications should include with the official entry form

1. a brief CV,
2. if the winner does not want to undergo the Schering-Plough assisted study tour to the US or UK, they must submit full details of the alternative program (including budget)
3. the names and addresses of two referees

Send to: Aust CATTLE VETERINARIANS Scholarship Committee, Building 3, 2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113 or by email to Anne Cover as per address in the ACV journal

All Applications must be received at the ACV office by 15 April 2008. Winners will be notified as soon as practical after judging is completed and will be announced at the ACV dinner at the AVA conference in Perth May 2008.

OTHER INFORMATION

If a suitable applicant is not forthcoming in both classes, the ACV may vary the award as they see fit.

The total value of the Scholarships will not exceed \$10,000 and must be spent as agreed by the judging committee on the nominated project, or on economy air travel, conference registration and accommodation expenses as applicable. Winners may at their own discretion supplement the prize by utilizing frequent flyer flights and other avenues on agreement of ACV and the sponsoring company.

The Award will be available annually subject to the availability of funds and will be at the discretion of the Australian Cattle Veterinarians nominated judging panel.

Applications must reach the ACV office by the nominated date

Judges decision will be final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

Send to Rural Practice Scholarship, Australian Cattle Veterinarians

Building 3, 2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113

or by email to Executive Officer as per address in the ACV journal



Entry Form for the Schering Plough & Australian Cattle Veterinarians Rural Practice Scholarship 2008.

Your details

First Name Last Name

AVA Member Number..... Year of Graduation.....

Address.....

Town..... Postcode.....

Email address.....

Contact phone number daytime (can be message bank on mobile).....

Alternative phone contact Who.....Relationship.....





Phone Number.....

The application

Please address the following, please attach a written or computer generated response. Your responses to this section of the application should **not exceed** 1A4 page Arial font 11 point single line spacing (NB that is **1 page total** for Questions 1 and 2, **NOT** 1 page for question 1 plus 1 page for question 2 which is 2 pages total, over length applications will be penalized by judges). Use of bullet point



responses is allowable and in fact encouraged.

1. Briefly outline





-  your experience with cattle medicine
-  cattle production (both dairy and beef)
-  cattle industry experience to date
-  other rural experience

2. What do you see as the emerging issues of cattle vet practice within the next 5 years?

3. Please state

-  why you wish to win this scholarship
-  how you think it will further your career in cattle veterinary practice

Please attach

-  CV (brief)
-  A budget including full costings (For the ACV conference include flight/travel cost estimate but do not include registration and accommodation costs.)
-  Names of referees (2)
-  All graduate applicants will also be eligible for the major prize and should all fill in the next page

Send to Rural Practice Scholarship, CATTLE VETS, Building 3, 2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113 or by email to Anne Cover as per address in ACV journal.



**Additional information required for consideration as
major prize winner (for graduate members only)**

**Schering Plough & Australian Cattle Veterinarians
Rural Practice Scholarship 2008.**

I wish to be considered for the major prize. I am a veterinary graduate of 4 years or less standing. Please select Option 1 or 2 below and include a brief outline of your

Option 1 The Study tour to US or UK

Please state briefly what you would hope to achieve if you are successful. NB you can (but need not) specify a specific conference or area of interest that you wish to further

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OR **Option 2 Alternative project**

My proposal is

It is (please tick)

research based,

a field trial,

case study & investigation or

other work based on some practical aspect of their work in Australian cattle practice

Please attach an outline of your project (1 A4 page max)

- What the actual project will entail/ hopes to achieve. For example
 - collection of information/data/overseas via ? means
 - Implementation of project
 - Time line (at least preliminary results to be available within 6 months of commencement)
 - Expected results
 - Other information that you believe is relevant to your application.eg published papers/articles

The submission should address the following (with an emphasis on practical application)

- Financial plan for the project in the form of a budget
- Area of the Australian Cattle industry that this will benefit (eg dairy/beef/feedlot etc)
- Disease/management issue/ other need that your project will address
- Why this project will benefit the Australian cattle industry & ACV members (either directly or indirectly)
- Involvement of other individuals (eg employer, collaborating organisations)
- Indication of date of submission of report/publication, together with joint author details.

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