



Rural Practice Scholarship 2010



Background

The Rural Practice Scholarship is available to recently graduated cattle veterinarians who are current members of ACV. The Scholarship will be awarded in order to enable the successful applicant to further his/her career in bovine practice. ACV greatly values the ongoing support of Schering Plough/Intervet Animal Health in this project.

Criteria for 2010

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

Who is eligible? The Rural Practice Scholarship is open to cattle veterinarians who have recently graduated. *See below for additional information.* Applicants must be **current ACV members**.

Who is NOT eligible? Previous winners of ACV major awards and/or of the major prize of this scholarship are not eligible to enter. Winners who attended the conference previously can apply one more time only (ie maximum supported conference attendance is twice per person total under this and other ACV awards eg Norbrook award)

In 2010 the criteria, major prize and means of judging the major award are different from earlier years. The Major winner will be selected from entries received for the minor (but not insignificant) prizes of attendance at the ACV Alice Springs conference. All winners of the conference attendance section of this award may choose to be eligible for short listing for judging the major prize. A short interview at the time of the conference may be required and if so, selected applicants will be informed of their interview time at the conference. ***NB To be eligible for the major prize you must enter for the conference attendance section BUT you can apply for conference attendance and not for the major prize.***

The major prize? The prize in 2010 can be attendance at an overseas conference, a study tour to the US or UK to be taken within 12 months of the award being announced or another project as selected by the entrant.

The trip or project **MUST** also be completed and a review is to be presented at the ACV Launceston conference in April 2011.

1. Major Prize

Applicants should be



Recent Veterinary Graduates of the years 2004 to 2009.







Current Members of ACV



Working in cattle practice in Australia.

The major scholarship prize could be

-  an overseas trip to a bovine conference (perhaps International Mastitis Conference in NZ in 2010, ICAR or other conference of the winners choice)
-  a study tour looking at a specific segment of bovine practice that interests the winner (some past winners have attended a beef strategic management course in Nebraska, looked at improved mastitis control, staff protocols in large dairy herds, or an alternative might be to spend some time at a large university dairy facility such as Michigan State University).
-  a project of the winners choice (some past winners have looked at live exports, set up an ear notch business, studied calf fluids).
-  This award is designed for young graduates working in cattle practice in Australia to further their career in Australian bovine veterinary practice. If desired, 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. Potential involvement and support of these individuals or organizations should be noted on the entry form.

THE PRIZE up to \$8000 will comprise of:

- \$7000 initially (at the time of award being announced)
- \$1000 when the article on the trip is presented at the following conference.

The winner of the major award will be required to present approximately a 30 min review of the project at the ACV Standalone conference. The winner must agree that ACV can print this article and photographs and can hold the copyright of these items for future use as ACV sees fit. No further financial support will be offered by ACV for this presentation.

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 the company sponsoring the award in the first instance and only involve another company with the full knowledge and consent of that company.

The suitability of the project will be decided by the ACV judging committee. If a suitable applicant is not forthcoming, ACV reserves the right to allocate these monies as it sees fit. The winner will be announced at the ACV Standalone conference in 2010.

Entrants for the major prize should submit their entry (using the attached entry form) and supporting documents directly to the ACV office **15 Feb 2010**.

Should an entry 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.

2. MINOR PRIZES Attendance at ACV 2010 Conference on the Alice Springs

Entrants must be



Recent Veterinary Graduates (ie of the years 2004 to 2009)



Current ACV members



Working in cattle practice in Australia.

Winner/s may receive



Registration including breakfast and dinners at the ACV conference to be held at the convention centre Alice Springs 8-11 July 2010.



Accommodation maximum 4 nights at the neighboring property to the conference hotel (this will be on a same sex, share basis with other winner/s)



Additionally a limited number of the winners will receive a contribution towards travel to the conference. (This will normally be equivalent to the advance purchase (budget/ "red E" or similar) economy air fare from the nearest capital city to Alice Springs. 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.

Accommodation will be booked for the nights of 21-24 April 2010 inclusive by the ACV office.

Winners **must** notify the ACV office BY EMAIL of their arrival and departure times and should plan to arrive at the Alice Springs by lunch time on Wednesday 21 April 2010.

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 telephone, minibar, laundry etc) before, during and after the conference.

Runners up will normally receive registration only (or possibly registration and accommodation, but no travel allowance) to the ACV Alice Springs conference.

HOW TO ENTER

Applications should include with the official entry form

1. a brief CV,
2. the winner should select an option they would prefer for the major prize and submit full details (including budget)
3. the names and addresses of two referees

Send to: Rural Practice Scholarship, Australian Cattle Veterinarians, Building 3, 2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113 or by email to ACV Executive Office Anne Cover as per email address in ACV journal.

All Applications must be received at the ACV office by 15 Feb 2010.

Winners will be notified as soon as practical after judging is completed

OTHER INFORMATION

If suitable applicants are not forthcoming in either class, the ACV may vary the award to present additional conference registrations and expenses to minor prize winners as they see fit.

The total value of the Scholarships will not exceed \$13,000 total and must be spent as agreed by the judging committee on the nominated project, and for 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 of **15 Feb 2010**

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

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



**Entry Form for the
Australian Cattle Veterinarians
Rural Practice Scholarship 2010**

Your details

First Name Last Name

AVA Member Number.....Year/Place 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, with a written or computer generated response. Your responses to this section of the application should **not exceed** 1 A4 page, 11 point Arial single line spacing.

1. Briefly outline





-  your experience with cattle medicine
-  cattle (both dairy and beef)
-  cattle industry 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 & contact details of referees (2)
-  Details of the major prize option they prefer if applicable (please include the next page if you wish to be eligible for the major prize) & estimated budget.

Send to Rural Practice Scholarship, Aust Cattle Veterinarians, Building 3, 2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113 or by email to Anne Cover anne@acv.com.au by **15 Feb 2010**



**Additional information regarding major prize
Schering Plough/Intervet Animal Health & Australian Cattle
Veterinarians
Rural Practice Scholarship 2010**

I wish to be considered for the major prize. I am a veterinary graduate within the year range specified. Please select Option 1 or 2 below and include a brief outline.

Option 1

The Conference or Study tour to US, UK or other location

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

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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.

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) and indicate their agreement to participate