Veterinary Pioneers in Public Health Resident Education Fund

Fiscal Year 2016 (July 2015 - June 2016)

Objectives
The Veterinary Pioneers in Public Health Resident Education Fund (Pioneer Fund) is designed to support Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine (VPHPM) residents as well as residents from our affiliated residency program at Chiang Mai University in Thailand, with funding for experiential learning at local, national, and international levels.

Description of Award
Funding is provided by individual donors and organizations that support the expansion of experiential learning opportunities for VPHPM and affiliated residents. This award is intended to assist with expenses. It is not intended to cover the full cost of the experience. Awards are subject to the availability of funds.

Up to one third of the balance of the fund account may be awarded in fiscal year 2016. VPHPM resident applications will be accepted two times each year. Affiliate resident applications will be accepted one time per year. If there are sufficient funds, additional application periods may be designated during the year for unanticipated educational opportunities. This determination will be made by the fund administrators.

Award funds may be requested to support up to 80% of the travel and expenses for academic programs or professional development experiences. Funds will not cover tuition or course fees.
**Fund Administration**
The Pioneer Fund is administered by the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety Director(s) and the Director(s) of the Public Health and Veterinary Preventive Medicine Residency Program.

**Eligibility**
Applicants must:
- Be a Veterinary Medical Resident (Job Classification # 9548), or Veterinary Medical Resident-Grad Student (Job Classification # 9549), and have completed a six month performance review with a rating of satisfactory or higher, or
- Be a resident of an approved affiliated residency program and have had one performance review with a rating of satisfactory or higher.

Residents may apply for the award multiple times, however the same resident may not receive more than one award.

**Deadlines**
Completed applications should be submitted to the CAHFS Director of Operations.

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**Required Application Materials/Application Procedures**
Completed applications must include the following:
- Date of Application
- Name and Contact Information
- Name of Residency Program
- Amount of award requested
- A statement from your Residency Director indicating acceptable performance in your program.
- Proposal, in no more than 300 words please include the following:
  o Name of educational opportunity
  o Why you want to participate and how the experience will support your academic program or professional development

- Budget proposal
  o Cost of entire educational experience
  o Amount requested
  o Detailed line item budget of total expenses
  o NOTE: Funds awarded to affiliate residents are subject to University of Minnesota (UMN) finance restrictions.

Selection Criteria/Procedures
Application review and selection of the Pioneer Fund Awards will be conducted by the fund administrators. Awards will be based on the following criteria:
- Extent to which the proposed project enhances the residents degree program and or career objectives
- Extent to which the proposed project meets residency core competencies
- Previous travel experience

Award Requirements
Within three weeks of residents return, award recipients must:
- submit a formal thank you letter to the Pioneer fund donors
- submit a brief report of the experience, including description of the activities and the impact of the experience on academic or professional goals
- set a date for a presentation of your award experience and,
- provide or arrange one of the following:
  o Blog conducted during the experience
  o Photos of the experience
  o Video diary of the experience
Poster
- In-person donor thank you to be arranged by the college Foundation
- Interview by CAHFS communications staff for feature in print or web

**Contact**

Questions about the Pioneer Fund Award should be referred to fund administrators.

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Pioneer Fund award procedures to be reviewed annually by fund administrators.

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