

John L. Pitts Aquatic Veterinary Education Awards Program

FAQs

1. How are applications evaluated?

The John L. Pitts Aquatic Veterinary Education Awards Program applications are reviewed by a panel of aquatic veterinarians and veterinary students (past awardees). The panel evaluates the quality of the essay, how well the project aligns with the applicant's career goals, the commitment of the applicant to aquatic veterinary medicine, and the letters of recommendation. In addition, for applicants who are new to aquatic veterinary medicine, the evaluators consider how the proposed project or experience will help introduce the applicant to the field.

2. What factors help make an application competitive?

A high quality, well-structured essay free of spelling errors that clearly answers the prompt is very important. Other factors that make an application competitive include a strong letter of recommendation, the value of the experience or the quality and outcomes of the proposed project, and the applicant's CV. Applications must be submitted in English. Please see the awards flier and application for detailed instructions.

3. What is expected of awardees?

Upon completion of the activities, award recipients are required to submit a report of their activity for possible publication in The Aquatic Veterinarian (WAVMA's quarterly publication). More detailed information will be provided to award recipients at time of award.

4. Who is eligible to apply?

Veterinary students and veterinarians who have graduated within the 24 months prior to the application deadline will be considered. Only applicants who have not been previously awarded funding will be considered.

5. Can I receive an award more than once?

While many applicants would be deserving of funding each year, as a rule we only allow applicants to be awarded funding once. Therefore, if you have received funding before, your application will not be considered.

For any other questions, please contact PittsEduAwards-Admin@wavma.org.