

North Carolina Academy of Laboratory Animal Medicine Veterinary Trainee Award Program

A. Program Objective

- a. The objective of this program is to encourage and support advanced training for veterinarians in the fields of laboratory animal science and comparative medicine. This will be accomplished by the following:
 - i. providing financial support in the form of an award to RTLATP trainees or other trainee in a NC residency training program in Comparative Medicine (i.e., laboratory animal medicine).
 - ii. providing student mentorship opportunities by trainees
 - iii. encouraging active participation in NCALAM
- b. The award program will provide support to veterinarians in related residency or other post-doctorate training programs.
- c. The award will be provided to any trainee who meets the eligibility requirements and completes the application process.
- d. Awards must be used by recipients for laboratory animal related activities which may include: conference travel, textbooks, ACLAM study materials, or other related program needs.

B. Award amount: \$1,000.00 per trainee.*

C. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must have a degree in veterinary medicine (AVMA accredited program or meet the AVMA foreign equivalency).
- b. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a RTLATP Residency or other NC residency training program in Comparative Medicine (i.e., laboratory animal medicine) program. A recipient may receive the award only once.
- c. Applicants must be a current member of NCALAM. If not a current member, applicants may join NCALAM at the same time as applying for the award.
- d. Applicants must serve on a NCALAM Subcommittee. Includes but is not limited to the following Subcommittees: NCALAM Short Course, Program, Outreach, Election, Membership, or Webmaster. Subcommittee appointment is by the NCALAM president.

D. Application

- a. The trainee award program may be publicized in the following manners:
 - i. NCALAM website
 - ii. Email distribution
 - iii. Other state laboratory animal science meetings or publications
- b. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis.
- c. Awardees will be announced at one of the NCALAM Semiannual meetings.

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- d. Packets must include:
 - i. Trainee contact information
 - ii. Program information and program advisor information
 - iii. Letter of support from program advisor
 - iv. Curriculum vitae
 - v. Description of NCALAM Subcommittee participation
 - vi. Proposal for funding use and presentation topic at a subsequent NCALAM meeting

E. Review Process

- a. Applicants will be evaluated based on the submitted application materials.
- b. Applications will be reviewed by the NCALAM Award Committee to confirm that they meet all eligibility requirements.
- c. The NCALAM Award Committee will inform the NCALAM Board of Directors of the list of trainees to receive an award during each semiannual cycle.

F. Award Administration

- a. Awards will be distributed directly to recipient within one month of award status notification.
- b. Awardees will be highlighted by NCALAM at a semiannual meeting.
- c. Post-award, awardees will participate in a subsequent semiannual NCALAM meeting.

G. Records

- a. A permanent record will be maintained of all award recipients and award amounts.
- b. The NCALAM Secretary will capture this in semiannual meeting minutes.

Submissions and Questions: NCALAMorg@Gmail.com