

GUIDELINES

We believe in a level playing field for all in the veterinary industry, which is why we are investing in a bursary program supporting BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Colour) students on their journey to become veterinarians. Our bursary program is part of our wider commitment to supporting diversity across the veterinary profession and within our business.

Here's what you need to know.

NUMBER, VALUE, AND DURATION OF BURSARY

Up to ten (10) bursaries will be available for veterinary students. Bursaries are valued at \$5,000 CAD, for one academic year. All applicants will have the opportunity to work with members of VetStrategy's Talent Acquisition team on placement and employment opportunities.

We are also considering virtual networking and learning opportunities during the school year.

ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible if you:

- Are planning to enter, or already enrolled in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at one of the five (5) eligible institutions during the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- Self-identify as a being part of the BIPOC community.

The financial background of your family will be taken into account during the application process, with priority given to students from lower household income families.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

You are to study at one of the five (5) eligible institutions listed below:

- University of Prince Edward Island / Atlantic Veterinary College
- Université de Montréal / Faculté de médecine vétérinaire

- University of Guelph / Ontario Veterinary College
- University of Saskatchewan / Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Calgary / Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

FIELDS OF STUDY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

You must be entering or enrolled in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program to one of the five (5) eligible institutions.

CONDITIONS/RESTRICTIONS

If you were a recipient of this bursary during the 2023 – 2024 academic year, you are welcome to re-apply during this cycle.

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply for the scholarship, please submit an online application no later than **May 22, 2024 11:59 pm EST** by visiting https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/VetStrategy_EN/

If you have any questions, please contact SPC at <https://spc.univcan.ca/>

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Essays

1. Why do you want to be a veterinarian? What motivated you to choose this as your career? (300 words)
2. Please describe what you understand by the term resilience and give an example of a time when you have demonstrated this. Why do you think resilience may be important for the role of a vet? (500 words)
3. If you were to win this bursary, what impact would it have on your life and career? (500 words)

Curriculum Vitae

A current version of the candidate's curriculum vitae.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Your application will be assessed by our judging panel. In addition to the eligibility criteria set out above, which all applicants must meet, we will also be looking for strong evidence of:

- A desire, as well as the necessary personal qualities and experiences to become a veterinarian.
- A clear demonstration of what impact receiving the bursary would have in helping you to achieve this.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of bursary recipients is made by a committee of diverse veterinarians within the VetStrategy network. Once complete, the selection committee's decision is irrevocable.

All applicants will receive results of the selection process by email.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

You will receive the bursary confirmation in August. When you receive your confirmation, complete the online acceptance process, and submit any necessary documentation, which includes proof of registration from your educational institution.

It is your responsibility to keep SPC informed of any changes to your contact information through the online portal.

As part of receiving a bursary, you may be asked to participate in various promotional opportunities which may include media interviews, advertising (print, TV, digital, video) or social media. By accepting a bursary, you should understand that you may be contacted by the VetStrategy team before or after the bursary are announced.

Participation in promotional activities remains as your prerogative.

BURSARY PAYMENT

Payment will be made after the acceptance process and document review. It can take 6 to 8 weeks following the acceptance of the award. Funds will be sent as an EFT payment on behalf of VetStrategy.

Please make sure to pay your tuition fees within the defined time frame, regardless of the timing of scholarship payment. Your institution will reimburse you according to their normal practices.

We will communicate with you through your student portal account. Be sure to keep contact information up to date and to notify us of any changes.

VetStrategy has entrusted the administration of its scholarship program to SPC, a division of Universities Canada. We administer over 140 scholarship programs for corporations, government agencies, and private foundations in North America and are affiliated with top companies in almost every sector of the economy. For more details, please visit www.univcan.ca.

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