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Dear Program Director:

I am pleased to remind you of the Merial Research Award for Graduate Veterinarians. This award will reinforce Merial's mission to promote research in veterinary biosciences and reward those students who have excelled in their graduate or residency program. This award recognizes graduate veterinarians that have completed or will soon complete a PhD program or are in their final 1 to 2 years of residency training in the field of veterinary pathology, medicine, surgery, radiology/imaging, or laboratory animal medicine. The award will be based upon the following criteria:

- The applicant has received a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine.
- The applicant has completed or will soon complete a PhD program or is in their final 1 to 2 years of residency training in the field of veterinary pathology, medicine, surgery, radiology/imaging, or laboratory animal medicine.
- The applicant will attend the summer symposium in 2012 present their work in the form of an oral presentation.
- The Veterinary Scholar completed the proposed project work plan by September 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Individual projects should enable the student to formulate a testable hypothesis, identify specific objectives, conduct research, interpret data and present their findings in the form of an abstract and/or poster. Demonstration of the use of biomedical research skills in specialty fields (e.g. Pathology, Toxicology, Laboratory Animal Medicine, Pharmacology, Clinical, and Imaging) is desirable.
- The applicant submits the required materials for the award by the deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Applications for the Merial Research Award should include:
  1. Cover letter
  2. Curriculum vitae
  3. Scientific manuscript or detailed written description of research in journal format
  4. Two letters of recommendation in support of submission

The award will be presented to the recipient at the 2012 summer symposium.

The award will be:

- A cash award of \$2500.
- A plaque to recognize the recipient.
- A travel stipend (amount to be determined) to attend the summer symposium and present their work. This will be a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation at the summer symposium.
- Recognition in the Merial-NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium Program.

**Please send applications by April 15th, 2012, as an electronic copy in PDF format to Dr. Diane Larsen at [diane.larsen@merial.com](mailto:diane.larsen@merial.com).**

Best regards,

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