

BVA overseas travel grant 2020

Application guidance notes and terms & conditions

We offer up to four grants of £500 each every year to support veterinary undergraduates undertaking a research project in a developing country. Applications for the next tranche of grants will be considered in April 2020. These will be for research projects being undertaken during 2020.

Eligibility

You must:

- be attending a veterinary school in the United Kingdom and must be an undergraduate student member of BVA at the time of applying.
- be planning to undertake an animal health and welfare focused research project which contributes to sustainable development in a developing country.
- be planning to complete the project within 18 months of receipt of the grant
- be willing to provide a summary report (approximately 1,000 words) and supporting photos for publication on our website.

Your project must be your own or in conjunction with locally organised projects. It should not be part of a university-organised expedition, straightforward volunteering, or EMS. Student-led expeditions will be considered, in which case you should make a joint application and one grant of £500 may be split between you.

Important points to note at the application stage

You should be aware of the importance of being officially registered with the appropriate veterinary and other authorities before embarking on your project. You should seek guidance and approval from your veterinary school's ethical committee and from the institute involved, if appropriate. We also encourage you to make efforts to learn the local language.

We strongly recommend that you read the '[Volunteering Overseas](#)' chapter of the BVA Graduate Guide.

You must ensure you have arranged sufficient insurance for the trip - both travel and indemnity insurance.

Application process

Applications should be made online by 5pm on Monday 6 April 2020. [Apply now](#)

You will need to supply two references. One should be an academic member of staff, the other a practising veterinary surgeon (outside the veterinary faculty) who knows you well. Please ask your referees in plenty of time and ask them to send them to us by email. Referee forms will be provided upon receipt of your application.

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Selection criteria

- Commitment to undertake a specific scientific research project
- Contribution to sustainable development, including the promotion of animal health and welfare or food security
- Involvement with the local community, including community education
- Appropriate timescale and methodology
- Relevance to applicant's future aspirations
- An understanding of aims and achievement of the project
- Benefit to overseas communities through caring for livestock or other species of importance

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