

MSD Animal Health Research Bursary for Veterinary Surgeons Application Guidelines

Applicants for a MSD Animal Health Research bursary need to provide a written proposal under the following headings:

1. Applicant Details

- Name, organisation, address, contact telephone numbers and email address
- Brief CV

*NB. Please ensure that personal/organisation details are **only** included under this heading. As part of the selection process, this heading section (only) will be deleted before applications are forwarded to MSD Animal Health and the independent University assessors.*

2. Project Introduction

A brief introduction stating the main aims and objectives of the research, why you consider the research should be undertaken and why it would be of interest to veterinary surgeons engaged in general practice.

3. Project Details

State here how the research will be undertaken. Where relevant, specific details, as listed below, should be included:

- The type of study design (eg. randomized control trial)
- The research question/hypothesis being addressed
- Study population selection criteria
- Sample size calculations
- Treatment/intervention protocols
- Randomisation and blinding processes
- Data capture, sampling methods, and diagnostic tests used.
- Statistical analysis methods to be employed
- Particular care should be taken to outline how the project will be managed, especially if third parties (such as farmers) will be responsible for data collection and project compliance.

4. Project Veterinary Medicines

Does the project use any veterinary medicines **Yes/No** *(delete as appropriate)*

If the answer to the above question is “yes”, then list all products used below

NB. Use of any veterinary products must be within the licensed indication to be considered for a bursary. If you are not sure if the intended use of a product is within the licensed indication or not, you are advised to seek guidance via sending an email to msdahbursary@merck.com, prior to submitting a project proposal.

5. Project References

If appropriate, any published references or data used to support the project should be listed.

6. Project Costing

Full costs for the project should be detailed. Any other sources of funding or potential funding should be identified. The amount of bursary applied for should be clearly stated (maximum £4,000).

NB. Bursary funds cannot be used to purchase animals for the purposes of this research

7. Project Duration

Expected project start and end dates.

NB. Projects must start during 2020 and have completed by the end of 2021.

8. Project Risks

What problems can you foresee which may occur with this project? e.g. lack of case material.

9. Postgraduate study

If the work is to form part of a candidate's postgraduate study for a further qualification, details should be provided.

10. Legal/Ethical Considerations

There should be a clear statement that the applicant has given full consideration to the techniques to be employed and have taken the necessary steps to ensure that they are working within the Law. If there is any doubt whether the procedures employed will fall within the remit of *The Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986* advice should be sought from a Home Office Inspector before the application is submitted to MSD Animal Health. MSD Animal Health will not be responsible for obtaining an Animal Test Certificate (ATC). In such an instance, the applicant will need to demonstrate proof of application for, and granting of, an ATC.

NB. Any invasive sampling, such as blood samples, outside of normal treatment or management of livestock requires an ATC from the Home Office.

Ethical approval for the research project should be obtained either through an appropriate University or from the RCVS Ethics Review Panel. Further information can be found at <https://www.rcvs.org.uk/who-we-are/committees/ethics-review-panel/>

Privacy Notice:

The personal information (contact details) you provide on the research project application will be processed for the purpose of contacting you with regards to the outcome of your application and ongoing communication regarding your research project. By providing your details, you consent to the processing by Intervet UK Ltd (Trading as MSD Animal Health UK, MSDAH)], acting as data controller.

Consistent with the purposes described above, you acknowledge that the Personal Information you provide to MSD can be transferred to Merck & Co., Inc., its subsidiaries and/or to companies globally that provide services on our behalf, if that is required, and in accordance with our instructions. This may include international transfers based on Binding Corporate Rules, Privacy Shield and Standard Contractual Clauses. Any party handling information on behalf of MSD is contractually obliged to process your personal information in accordance with the same privacy standards as MSD.

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