

Impacts of the John L. Pitts Aquatic Veterinary Education Awards Program on Aquatic Veterinary Medicine

Since 2010, \$38,500 has been awarded to 58 veterinary students and newly graduated veterinarians to expand their education and involvement in aquatic veterinary medicine. Over that period, more than 190 applications have been received.

Awards have supported applicants from veterinary schools in numerous countries, pursuing a number of different educational activities, including:

Aquatic Veterinary Externships

- British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture
- Bronx Zoo and Wildlife Conservation Society
- Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Clear Springs Foods, Inc.
- Fish Vet Group
- Florida Marine Mammal Health Program
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- Georgia Aquarium
- Grieg Seafood
- Gulf World Marine Park
- Hatfield Marine Science Center
- Havbruktstjenesten AS
- Idaho Fish Health Center
- Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling
- Marine Mammal Center
- Marine Mammal Ophthalmology Externship
- Marine Scotland Fish Health Inspectorate
- Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center
- Maryland State Fish and Wildlife
- Mystic Aquarium
- National Marine Life Center
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program
- Norwegian School of Veterinary Science
- Oregon Coast Aquarium
- Oregon State University Aquatic Animal Health Program
- Sea Life Conservation Center
- Sea Life Park
- SeaWorld, Florida
- SeaWorld, Texas
- SeaWorld, California
- Smithsonian National Zoo
- United States Department of Agriculture
- University of Arizona Shrimp Pathology Laboratory
- University of Florida Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory
- University of Glasgow
- Vancouver Aquarium
- Vet Aqua International

Aquatic Veterinary Related Conferences or Symposia

- American College of Veterinary Pathologists: Canada
- Eastern Fish Health Workshop; USA
- International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine; USA
- International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health; Australia and USA
- IUCN World Parks Congress; Australia

Aquatic Veterinary Related Short Courses

- AQUAVET I, II, and III; Mexico and USA
- CL Davis Marine Species Histology Workshop; Australia
- MARVET; Grand Cayman
- University of Florida SeaVet Clinical Training; USA
- University of Florida Aquatic Animal Health Program; USA

Research Projects

- Assessment of antibacterial resistance in the aquaculture industry
- Cross-sectional study on the prevalence of *Mycobacterium* spp. in aquarium fish of a zoological collection in England (Liverpool University Veterinary School)
- Investigating the clinical pathology of hypothermic-stunned sea turtles
- Long-term restoration, recovery, and monitoring of marine mammals and sea turtles in the north central Gulf of Mexico (Mississippi State University)
- Prevalence, antibiogram and risk factors of *Salmonella* spp. in fish raised in fish ponds of Chitwan (Nepal)

Recipients' Countries

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| • Australia | • Turkey |
| • Canada | • United Kingdom |
| • Cayman Islands | • United States |
| • Nepal | • West Indies |

Recipients' Universities

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| • Agriculture and Forestry University | • University of California |
| • Auburn University | • University of Bristol |
| • Cornell University | • University of Calgary |
| • Istanbul University | • University of Florida |
| • Kansas State University | • University of Georgia |
| • Mississippi State University | • University of Guelph |
| • Murdoch University | • University of Illinois |
| • North Carolina State University | • University of Liverpool |
| • Nottingham University | • University of Minnesota |
| • The Ohio State University | • University of Pennsylvania |
| • Oregon State University | • University of Prince Edward Island |
| • Purdue University | • University of Saskatchewan |
| • Ross University | • University of Stirling |
| • St. George's University | • University of Tennessee |
| • St. Matthew's University | • University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| • Texas A&M University | • Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine |
| • Tribhuvan University | • Washington State University |
| • Tufts University | • Western University of Health Science |
| • Tuskegee University | |