



Federation  
of Veterinarians  
of Europe

**MSD ANIMAL HEALTH /  
FEDERATION OF VETERINARIANS OF EUROPE  
Veterinary Student Scholarship Program 2023**

**CALL for applications**

**Federation of Veterinarians of Europe**

The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), founded in 1975, is an umbrella organisation of 46 veterinary organisations in Europe. The FVE members come from 38 European countries and include four sections representing specific groups in the veterinary profession: the Union of European Veterinary Practitioners (UEVP); the European Association of State Veterinary Officers (EASVO); European Veterinarians in Education, Research and Industry (EVERI); and the Union of European Veterinary Hygienists (UEVH).

FVE aims to promote animal health, animal welfare, public health and the protection of the environment through the veterinary profession across Europe. FVE supports veterinarians in delivering their professional responsibilities to the best possible standard and that this expertise is recognized and valued by society. Through its members, FVE aims to:

- Look after the interests of Europe's veterinarians, making sure they are respected and appropriately rewarded for their expertise;
- Give a strong, united voice to veterinarians so they can use it to influence the issues that matter;
- Enhance the quality of pre-and post-graduate veterinary training, including life-long learning, to make sure veterinarians are equipped to do the best job possible throughout their careers;
- Develop the very best, Europe-wide standards for the veterinary profession, so veterinarians all act according to best practice;
- Inform politicians, institutions, NGOs and other important stakeholders at the European level focusing on priority issues: promoting the profession, animal health, animal welfare and public health;
- Provide valuable information so that veterinarians can perform well their jobs – and take action on important issues – through forums, events and publications;

Read more here [FVE website](#), [FVE Social Media \(Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn\)](#)

## MSD Animal Health/FVE - Veterinary Student Scholarship Program 2023

MSD Animal Health and FVE are proud to demonstrate their commitment to veterinary students by providing **68 scholarships of 2.500 USD\$** to be awarded to veterinary students (enrolled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year on October 2023) from the European region, studying veterinary medicine in a veterinary establishment member of the [European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education - EAEVE with the status of approval, conditionally or pending accreditation or accredited.](#)

**The scholarship aims to enhance the academic experience and progress by taking into account merit, financial need and geographical diversity**

### Eligibility Requirements

- Not be recipients of any previous MSD/FVE scholarship;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-year veterinary students;
- Currently enrolled and in good standing at a recognized veterinary establishment in their country (a veterinary establishment member of the [European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education](#) – EAEVE – as of October 2023) with the status of [approved-accredited-conditionally/pending accreditation](#);
- Citizen of a European country.

[Applications](#) (in English) are available on the [FVE website > Grants](#) and Social Media.

### Review, evaluation and selection

The review and selection process will be coordinated by the FVE and will involve members of the FVE/IVSA Review Committee.

**Important Note:** No representative from a veterinary school ever evaluates a student from his/her school. Also, no member that is either employed or contracted to work for MSD Animal Health will participate in the selection of any award winners.

The FVE Review Committee will score each application based on the specific scoring rubric, taking into consideration:

- ✓ **Support letters from Dean and a Professor from the faculty** (Box N. 2 – max 10 points);
- ✓ **Evidence of financial support** (Box N. 4 – max. 10 points)
- ✓ **Motivation** (Box N. 5 a,b,c - max. 20 points) based on the responses to the following questions:
  - 1. Statement of motivation on why the applicant should be eligible for the MSD/FVE scholarship with personal examples or specific examples of contribution to the college, community, animals, etc. (max. 150 words – max. 5 points)
  - 2. A brief description of what the applicant would do with the money received (up to 150 words – max. 5 points).
  - 3. A short text on what the applicant believes will be the biggest challenges and opportunities practicing the veterinary profession in the next 10 years (up to 200 words – max. 10 points)

## Timeline

- Application deadline – 30 October 2023
- Selection process – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023
- Student and School notification – 10 January 2024
- Public Announcement and Presentation – 29 January 2024
- Check Disbursement – February 2024

## Deliverables

To accommodate and support MSD Animal Health and its veterinary student scholarship efforts, MSD Animal Health has allocated \$ 30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) for administrative services fees to be paid to FVE, which FVE will:

- Handle all aspects of correspondence with the colleges of veterinary medicine and the veterinary students in Europe, according to the timeline.
- Collect and process all incoming applications
- Coordinate and facilitate all aspects of reviewing and selection including the use of qualified and credible scholarship reviewers. All aspects of scholarship awarding, recognition, and follow-up will be provided by FVE.
- Correctly and timely pay all grants to the selected students, FVE will provide separate accounting and reporting for this scholarship program.

## Conditions around payments of the scholarship

All scholarship funds must flow through the FVE banking and accounting systems.

The FVE will directly distribute all scholarship awards to recipients. The FVE will ensure that accompanying award materials will include appropriate recognition and information to scholarship recipients related to the funding and support source.

FVE complies with the MSD Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2022.