

September 29, 2020**Dear Dean and Program Director:**

I am delighted to inform you that applications for the **2021 Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholars Program (BIVSP)** are being requested. Guidelines for the 2021 grant program are enclosed. As applications are very competitive, please review the guidelines carefully before submitting a proposal. Questions regarding the grants program can be directed to Roberto.alva-valdes@boehringer-ingelheim.com

The application process remains the same as it was for 2020. Please make special note of the following requirements:

- Individual school websites describing the program should be updated with the Boehringer Ingelheim name and should link to the Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholar Program website.
- Alumni tracking continues to be an important component of the program.
- The European component of the program will continue for 2021; if you are willing to consider students from our participating schools, please clearly indicate this in your proposal.

To be considered for 2021 funding, the proposal(s) must be complete and must be received by email no later than **October 31, 2020**. All schools will be informed as to their funding status by January 15, 2021.

The 2021 Veterinary Scholar Symposium will be hosted by Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, August 4 – 6, 2021. We hope to hold the Symposium as a face-to-face event for 2021, we will monitor the possibility (and are planning for) that it may be virtual or a hybrid.

I also ask that you share within your College of Veterinary Medicine information regarding the Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Research Award Program for Graduate Veterinarians and the Veterinary Research Scholar Award. For additional details on both awards please see the enclosed PDFs.

I thank you for your continuing efforts in support of this program that has provided research opportunities to veterinary students for 32 years, and I look forward to receiving and reviewing your 2021 application.

Best regards,



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