

September 4, 2017

Dear Dean and Program Director:

I am delighted to inform you that applications for the **2018 Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholars Program (BIVSP)** are being requested. Guidelines for the 2018 grant program are enclosed. As applications are very competitive, please review the guidelines carefully if you are considering submitting a proposal. Questions regarding the grants program can be directed to my attention at the above contact information.

The application process is the same as it was last year. Areas of special focus include:

- Individual school's program access on the Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Scholar Program's North American website
- Alumni tracking
- The European component of the program will continue for 2018.

To be considered for 2018 funding, the proposal(s) must be received by email no later than **October 31, 2017**. All schools will be informed as to their funding status by January 12, 2018.

The 2018 Boehringer Ingelheim-NIH Veterinary Scholar Program Symposium will be hosted by Texas A&M University, in College Station, TX, August 2 – 5, 2018.

I also ask that you share within your College of Veterinary Medicine information regarding the Boehringer Ingelheim Veterinary Research Award Program for Graduate Veterinarians. This research award program is open to veterinarians who have completed graduate research or residency programs and provides a \$2500 honorarium and the opportunity to present her/his research at the 2018 BIVSP Symposium in College Station, TX. For additional details on this research award please go to the Boehringer Ingelheim Scholars Web site at: www.merialscholars.com

I look forward to receiving and reviewing your application.

Best regards,



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