**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

**Bursary Program for Indigenous Youth**

**Dr. Tim Ogilvie AVC Vet Camp**

**I.  Background:**

The University of Prince Edward Island has taken steps to honour the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.  After consultation with local Indigenous organizations, the Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC) explored options to support Indigenous youth to attend AVC Vet Camp.  As a result, AVC will offer a limited number of bursaries to assist with the costs to attend camp

**II.  Bursary details:**

There are three different levels of bursaries to give Indigenous students an opportunity to participate in AVC Vet Camp with expenses paid. The amount of each bursary is on an individual basis with geographic location a determining factor.

**1.  AVC Bursary for Indigenous Students – valued at $600 each**

The Atlantic Veterinary College bursary includes two tuition-free seats for Indigenous youth from **Atlantic Canada** to attend AVC Vet Camp.

2.  **The Nestle Purina Bursary for Indigenous Students** – **valued from $600 to $5200**

This bursary covers the costs for up to four (4) Indigenous youth from **Atlantic Canada** to attend AVC Vet Camp, including tuition fees, travel costs, accommodations, and meals for the camper and a parent/guardian.

3.  **NSERC PromoScience Bursary for Indigenous Students – valued from $600 to $5200**

This bursary provides funding for up to nine (9) Indigenous youth from **Atlantic Canada** and **Canada’s North** to attend AVC Vet Camp.  The bursary will include tuition fees, travel costs, accommodations, and meals for the camper and a parent/guardian.

**III. Process:**

1.  Bursary applicants must submit their application by email or regular mail on or before the deadline of March 26, 2021.  Late applicants will not be considered.

2.  Bursary applicants will be ranked, based on the quality of the essay or video submission, strength of the letter of recommendation, and proof of membership in an Indigenous community.

3. The highest ranking applicants will be offered admission to Vet Camp and a bursary to attend.  The amount of the bursary will be determined by the ranking of applications (high to low), with geographic location a determining factor.  Bursaries will be awarded in the form of a cheque to be used to cover costs of tuition, travel, accommodations, and meals.  Bursary recipients are responsible for travel arrangements and accommodation bookings.

4.  Applicants will be notified of their bursary application status the week of April 19-23, 2021.

5.  If unsuccessful for a bursary, the applicant will be included in the lottery draw for a non-bursary seat.

**IV.  How to apply for a bursary:**

Bursary applicants must submit the following (by email or regular mail) to be considered:

1.  A cover page including name, address, email, and telephone number.

2.  A written essay (300 words or less) or a 1–2 minute video on “How attending vet camp will impact/enhance my interest in veterinary medicine and animal science in the future.”

3.  A strong letter of recommendation from a non-family member who understands your interest in veterinary medicine and animal science (e.g. teacher, mentor, coach, band chief, elder).

4.  A letter confirming membership in an Indigenous community.

Applications for a bursary must be received no later than Friday, March 26, 2021 to:

BY MAIL:

AVC Indigenous Youth Bursary Program

AVC Dean’s Office, Atlantic Veterinary College

550 University Avenue, Charlottetown, PEI

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