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Kindred Biosciences, Inc., sponsors two ACVIM Large Animal Internal Medicine (LAIM) candidates and two Small Animal Internal Medicine (SAIM) candidates to attend the 2019 ACVIM Forum

Denver, CO (May 1, 2019) The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) is excited to announce the winners of the ACVIM Travel Awards to the 2019 ACVIM Forum, sponsored by Kindred Biosciences, Inc.

Kindred Biosciences, Inc. funded four new travel awards, sending two ACVIM Large Animal Internal Medicine (LAIM) candidates and two ACVIM Small Animal Internal Medicine (SAIM) candidates to attend Forum, taking place June 5-8, 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona. This opportunity provides candidates a chance to network and meet other colleagues and Diplomates, as well as access to the latest research and state-of-the-art lectures.

Candidates in their third or fourth year were invited to complete an application and were evaluated on their responses.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 ACVIM Forum Travel Awards!

- Dr. Hayley Chidlow, BVSc, University of Georgia
- Dr. Barry Hedgespeth, BVSc, North Carolina State University
- Dr. Nicolas Herteman, DVM, IPSAV, MSc, ACVIM Candidate, University of Zurich
- Dr. Kristen Merrill, DVM, University of Missouri

“Attending ACVIM Forum will be an invaluable opportunity as I enter the final stages of my residency training. The
variety of scientific sessions and research abstracts presented is a fantastic learning opportunity, ensuring I stay up to-date on the latest scientific developments in internal medicine.” Award recipient Hayley Chidlow said, adding, “I hope to be able to meet colleagues and develop connections at ACVIM Forum that will provide a foundation for my career for many years to come.”

Another award recipient, Barry Hedgespeth stated, “Attending the 2019 ACVIM Forum will allow me to broaden my knowledge base as well as network with other internists and researchers. The many seminars being held at the conference are essential in disseminating new scientific research and ideas that are being studied across the world; being given an opportunity to attend these seminars is very exciting to me.” He further elaborated, “Given that I am currently also undertaking courses and research to complete a Ph.D. degree, the ACVIM conference will provide me with the opportunity to meet with scientists with whom I may share research interests with.”

“I have attended the ACVIM Forum for several years now and I have always enjoyed and appreciated the conference very much. Every year there is something new to discover, it is a great place to network, exchange and learn.” Award recipient Nicolas Herteman said, continuing, “This year will be special as it is my last year of residency. I want this ACVIM Forum to be a bridge to the next level, an opportunity to line up what is coming next.”

Kristen Merrill expressed, “This grant has helped relieve some unwanted stress from an already stressful time of year with the exam, as I did not have to come up with funds.”

“With an increasing debt load in veterinary education, specialization is becoming an increasing financial burden on our most qualified members of the profession. Attending the ACVIM Forum may become an expense that a resident will forgo. Yet, this conference is not only the premiere conference in veterinary internal medicine world-wide, but also the venue for our youngest members of the profession to connect with more seasoned professionals. Thus, Kindred Biosciences Forum travel awards are a fabulous way to help move our profession forward – thank you!” Joerg Steiner, DMV, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM), DECVIM-CA, ACVIM SAIM Specialty President.

“The LAIM Specialty of ACVIM is exceedingly grateful to Kindred Biosciences for providing travel awards to support two LAIM candidates attending the 2019 Forum in Phoenix. Many Residency Training Programs have limited, or no funding to support candidate travel to the Forum; thus, this support allows two future LAIM Diplomates to become more closely associated with ACVIM early in their careers, with a great learning opportunity at the same time!” Hal Schott, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (LAIM), ACVIM LAIM Specialty President.

About the ACVIM
Based in Greenwood Village, Colorado, the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine is the certifying organization for veterinary specialists in cardiology, large animal internal medicine, neurology, oncology, and small animal internal medicine. With almost 3,000 members, the ACVIM is dedicated to improving the lives of animals and people through the education, training, and certification of specialists in veterinary internal medicine, discovery and dissemination of new medical knowledge, and increasing public awareness of advances in veterinary medical care. Visit www.acvim.org and “LIKE” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheACVIM.

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