

# ZOETIS INVITES VETERINARY STUDENT LEADERS TO APPLY FOR 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS

**PARSIPPANY, N.J. – Oct. 1, 2018**— Zoetis Inc. and the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) will partner again in 2019 to provide scholarships to second- and third-year veterinary students in the United States and Caribbean.

Recipients of the 2019 Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholarship Award will receive \$2,000 for the upcoming 2019-2020 academic year. Interested students can visit [www.vetvance.com/opportunities](http://www.vetvance.com/opportunities) to apply from now through November 28<sup>th</sup>. New this year, students can also apply via the VETVANCE mobile app, available for download from the Google Play Store and the iOS App Store. VETVANCE® is a free educational resource sponsored by Zoetis that provides students and recent graduates with online content relating to professional development, business skills, professional stewardship, financial literacy, personal wellness, and much more..

To date, the Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholarship program has awarded over 3,000 scholarships totaling more than \$6M. “Zoetis continues its long-standing commitment to assist veterinary students alleviate financial debt related to their education,” said Dr. Christine Jenkins, Chief Medical Officer and Vice President, Veterinary Medical Services and Outcomes Research at Zoetis. “Each year, we hear from Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholarship winners about how these awards helped them offset educational expenses and facilitate experiential learning opportunities such as externships.” The average debt load of veterinary students is more than \$160,000.<sup>1</sup>

Eligibility criteria include academic excellence, financial need, diversity, sustainability, leadership and career interest. Scholarships will be awarded to students in all areas of professional interest, including food animal medicine, small animal clinical medicine, research, government services, public health, and organized veterinary medicine.

“The AAVMC is proud to help prepare new generations of veterinarians,” said Dr. Andrew Maccabe, Chief Executive Officer of the AAVMC. “We greatly value our partnership with Zoetis to award scholarships to many exceptional veterinary students.”

Now in its tenth year, the Veterinary Scholarship Award operates as part of Zoetis’ Commitment to Veterinarians™, a platform created by Zoetis to support leadership and diversity among future veterinarians, while also helping to offset the significant costs associated with a veterinary education. Winners will be announced at the 2019 SAVMA Symposium.

To learn more about the Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholarship Award or to apply for a scholarship, please register at [VETVANCE.com](http://VETVANCE.com) or download the VETVANCE mobile app to get started.

### **About Zoetis**

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### **About AAVMC**

The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) is a nonprofit membership organization working to protect and improve the health and welfare of animals, people and the environment by advancing academic veterinary medicine. Its members include 49 veterinary medical colleges throughout the world. [www.aavmc.org](http://www.aavmc.org)

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### **Reference:**

<sup>1</sup>Average debt among veterinary students was \$162,707 in 2017, according to the Annual Data Report 2017-2018 [Internet]. Washington, DC: Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges; 2018 January p. 1-47. Available from: <http://www.aavmc.org/About-AAVMC/Public-Data.as>