ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE
Project Proposal Form
Summer Research Assistantship

1. BASIC INFORMATION
   Advisor Name: Dr. Shane Bateman
   Department: Clinical Studies
   Proposed Start Date: May 6, 2019
   Deadline for student to contact advisor: April 30, 2019

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2. DETAILS OF PROJECT
   Title of Proposed Project: Northern Indigenous Community Outreach Rotation: Summer Research Studentship

Outline of Proposed Research Project:

The successful applicant will provide extensive logistical and planning support for the Ontario College of Veterinary Medicine (OVC) as it develops and actualizes a Phase IV DVM student rotation to a remote/northern indigenous community. The rotation is being planned to occur in 2020-21 in one or more indigenous community(ies) that will be selected over the summer of 2019. The rotation will provide a cultural and knowledge exchange between the participants from OVC and members of the community. The OVC rotation medical team/students will be providing preventive health care (vaccinations, parasite control, identification) and population control measures (surgical or non-surgical sterilization) to dogs and cats within the community. In addition, the team will be consulting with local community leaders on how best to develop and support sustainable community initiatives that focus on animal population control and animal health and welfare. The team will also participate in knowledge and cultural exchange with many different members of the community (school children, elders, etc.).

The ideal candidate should be able to demonstrate excellent planning, communication, and project management experience and skills and ideally have experience working with and communicating to members of marginalized communities. They will report to a group of 3 OVC faculty who are leading the project. The successful applicant should be able to work independently and be goal-oriented. They will be working over the summer of 2019 on logistical and planning details that will be required for creation and execution of a successful rotation. They may be involved in surveying veterinary students on related community outreach activities and collecting data to inform the rotation development on student learning outcomes and wellness for the planned rotation. They may be participating in travel to several remote/northern indigenous communities and participating in site selection activities with the project leaders.
This position is a unique opportunity to make a major impact on future experiential learning activities in the college and in furthering the college’s mission to improve equitable access to veterinary care in underserviced communities.

Preference will be given to students registered in the DVM program.

3. AVAILABLE STUDENTSHIP

PetSmart Charities Summer Research Studentship