DEPARTMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR LOCUMS:

- Dr Tamara MacDonald will be in Small Animal Surgery February 4 – 18th
- Dr Jennifer Devey will be in Emergency & Critical Care February 11 – 22nd
- Dr Robert Cruz will be in Diagnostic Imaging February 19 – 22nd
- Dr Ron Vin will be in Large Animal Medicine February 25 – March 8th
- Dr Bianca Bauer will be in Ophthalmology February 25 – March 1st

1. Our next DEPARTMENT MEETING will be held on March 1, 2019. Calendar invitations will follow.

2. GRAND ROUNDS!
   This week’s seminar on Wednesday, February 13 2019 will be held at 8:30 – 9:30 am in Rm 1714 LLC.
   Presenting this week:

   Jessica Aymen  
   Title: TBA
   &
   Christopher Drolet  
   Title: TBA

3. SEARCH COMMITTEES UPDATES:
   - Radiation Oncology 3 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
   - Cardiology Tenure Track Assistant or Associate Professor – in progress
   - Neurology – 2 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
   - Large Animal Internal Medicine – Assistant or Associate Professor – in progress
   - Nutrition – 1 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
   - Emergency Critical Care Medicine - 2 yr CL Assistant Professor – Call for Nominations – still need 1 more

   The current Collective Agreement between the University of Guelph Faculty Association and the University of Guelph requires that all members of faculty search committees receive orientation to address potential unconscious (or implicit) bias in the faculty search process. To Begin the Orientation - please visit Minimizing Implicit Bias in the Search Process

4. Instructor Evaluations for W19 for Phases 1-3 are now available in CEVAL through the following link. https://courseeval.uoguelph.ca Faculty should confirm all courses have been added to the survey list with Linda Wing if not already done. Evaluations are set up to remain open until the day before the final exam in each course. Faculty are encouraged to remind students (on the last day of instruction in each course) to complete the evaluations.

5. OVC Graduate Stipend Competition Winter 2019 Full details can be found here.
6. **Recruiting DVMs for practical exams!**
   The Clinical Medicine OSCEs (objective structured clinical exams) are in need of veterinarians to serve as examiners. These exams are evaluating 1st and 2nd year students while they perform basic physical exam skills. Grading rubrics are provided to make grading easy and standardized across examiners. Exams take place between **9:00-12:30** on **March 4, 5, 7, & 8, and April 11 & 12**. If you are interested in being an examiner for one or more dates or have any questions, please contact Shauna Blois as **sblois@uoguelph.ca**.

7. **2019 CAGS/Proquest-UMI Distinguished Dissertation Awards** Do you know an outstanding doctoral student who has recently graduated? Is there an up-and-coming scholar in your academic community whose research deserves to be recognized? Here is an opportunity you won’t want to miss! Please consider nominating them for this prestigious award.
   **Call for nominations for the 2019 CAGS/Proquest-UMI Distinguished Dissertation Awards**
   **Nomination Package Deadline**
   Complete nomination packages are due to the Graduate Awards Officers in the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (**grschol@uoguelph.ca**) no later than **Friday, February 15, 2019**.

8. **Pet Trust Research Competition Winter 2019**
   OVC Pet Trust provides funds for research that advances the health and quality of life of companion animals. Approximately $215,000 is available to be allocated in this competition. The equipment competition will also be open with $20,000 available. In addition, there is a new allocation of $95,000 available for the Winter 2019 competition for research specifically concerning the health and welfare of cats. All funds will be awarded following a peer review by the Companion Animal Scientific Committee. **Pet Trust Research Competition** for a full schedule of dates.
   **Deadline for Full Proposal: March 6, 2019** to Department chairs for signage.

9. **Registration is now open for the 2019 Perspectives on Experiential Learning.**
   We invite post-secondary students, instructors, administrators, staff, researchers, and EL partners and practitioners to participate in the **2019 Perspectives on Experiential Learning conference** at the University of Guelph.
   **We will discuss critical questions and perspectives on the following conference themes:**
   - The Student Voice: Exploring the Experiences of Our Students
   - Designing, Teaching and Assessing EL
   - Making Partnerships Matter: From Industry to Community
   - Institutional Practices Supporting EL
   - Overcoming Barriers and Increasing Access
   - From Policy to Practice in EL: Balancing Political- and Institution-Driven Approaches to Experiential Learning

10. **Seminar Announcement by Dr. Alexandre Secorum Borges.** Title: “Large Animal Genetic Disorders from a Brasilian Perspective.” Full details can be found [here](#).

11. **3MT Judge Request**
    We encourage you to be a volunteer judge for The 3 Minute Thesis (3MT®) contest on Thursday, February 28 2019 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the LLC 1715. OVC graduate students are being challenged to present complex research in an engaging, accessible, and compelling way, in only 3 minutes. This experience enables our students to showcase their research and its wider impacts. Students who win the competition will receive compensation applied to their tuition.
We plan to select a judging panel who meets the following criteria:
- Includes between three to five judges.
- Balanced by age, gender, academic/professional positions, community and discipline.
3MT Judging Criteria can be found [here](https://ovc.uoguelph.ca/clinical-studies/).

Please express your interest by **Friday February 15**, to [ovcs.research@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ovcs.research@uoguelph.ca). Selection of the judging panel will be made by Thursday February 21st.

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**12. Call for Nominations: Zoetis Award for Research Excellence (Faculty Award)**

The Zoetis Award for Research Excellence is available to faculty in any department of the Ontario Veterinary College. Please submit your recommendation for this award to the OVC Awards Committee c/o Elizabeth Lowenger, Manager, Student Affairs at lowenger@uoguelph.ca by **noon on March 1, 2019**.

**PURPOSE:** To foster innovative research, on which the scientific advancement of the profession depends, by recognizing outstanding research effort and productivity.

**CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:** Nominees must be members of the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Nominees should be the principal investigator in research that shows promise of attaining national recognition. This research must have been conducted within the past three years.

**PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION:** Any faculty member may nominate a qualified candidate. The nominations will consist of a nominating statement, curriculum vitae, pertinent reprints or manuscripts, and up to three letters of support.

The OVC Awards Committee will evaluate each nominee using the above criteria and choose the recipient.

**AWARD:** The Award will consist of an inscribed plaque and a cash award of $1,000.00 in Canadian funds. The formal presentation of this award will be at the Convocation Awards Ceremony the week of **June 10, 2019**.

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**13. 2019 College Budget Meetings and Town Hall Schedule**

- **College Budget Meeting** will be held on **March 21, 2019** from 12:00 – 1:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall Wing B.
- **University Town Hall Meeting** will take place on **April 1, 2019** from 12:00 – 1:30 pm in Peter Clark Hall. [Invitation Poster](#)

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**14. Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses Symposium** is a one day event that brings together all pillars and forms of public health and zoonotic disease work and research. Last year our symposium had over 20 presentations with almost double the posters and close to 250 participants attending. This year we are aiming for the same great vent, but we need you!!

Topics of the day include:

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The symposium will take place **Thursday, May 30, 2019** in Rozanski Hall.

Abstract submission and registration forms are available from the CPHAZ website, along with more information about our event. We are encouraging everyone working in public health and zoonotic disease related areas to submit abstracts, either for a presentation in poster or oral form. [Check the website for further details](https://).