Graduate veterinarians pursuing advanced research training through doctoral or post-doctoral programs are invited to compete for the AVMA/AVMF-sponsored Young Investigator Award (YIA) by submitting a research abstract, a biographical sketch (specific requirements presented below), and a supporting letter from their research mentor.

A panel of scientists will evaluate the abstracts for innovation, experimental design, potential impact of results and outcomes, and relevance to comparative biomedicine. Five finalists will be selected to present their work at the National Veterinary Scholars Symposium (NVSS) hosted by Texas A&M University on August 2-4, 2018, in College Station, Texas. Finalists will receive complimentary travel, accommodations and meeting registration. The Young Investigator presentations will be evaluated on the basis of scientific merit, quality of presentation, and responses to questions. The top 3 winners will be recognized at the closing banquet and receive a monetary award of $2,500 (1st place); $1,000 (2nd place); or $500 (3rd place).

All applicants received for the YIA will also be considered for attendance at the ‘Becoming Faculty’ workshop sponsored by Burroughs-Wellcome. This 4-day program is held in parallel with the NVSS and is designed to provide mentorship and advice to new faculty members or those considering employment in an academic setting. All 5 finalists in the YIA are invited to attend this workshop.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, May 14, 2018 @ 2:00AM CDT

Qualifications:
Submissions will be accepted from veterinarians who are pursuing advanced research training in doctoral or post-doctoral training programs, as well as veterinarians who have completed such training in 2017 or 2018 are invited to submit abstracts. Award recipients from previous years, combined (dual) degree students who have not yet completed the DVM (or equivalent), and those who cannot personally present their work at the NVSS are ineligible to participate.

Application materials to be submitted include:
- **Biographical sketch**: a 2-3 page biographical sketch in current NIH format
- **Abstract title, authorship** (names and institutional affiliations), and **abstract** not exceeding one typed page (US letter size, 12 point font, 1 inch margins). The abstract should not contain figures or tables; however, these may be submitted as supporting material.
- **Letter from the candidate’s research mentor**. The letter should describe the degree of the applicant’s involvement in the submitted work, and verify that the candidate is a graduate veterinarian currently or recently engaged in research training, as specified above.

Address for Submission:
Please submit all application materials as a **single PDF attachment** (in the above listed order). The file should be named “<Last Name>_<First Name>YIA2018.pdf”.
Submit your application at:
- https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bKNBdiXNC4SQDUV
- https://tinyurl.com/YIA-2018

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

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