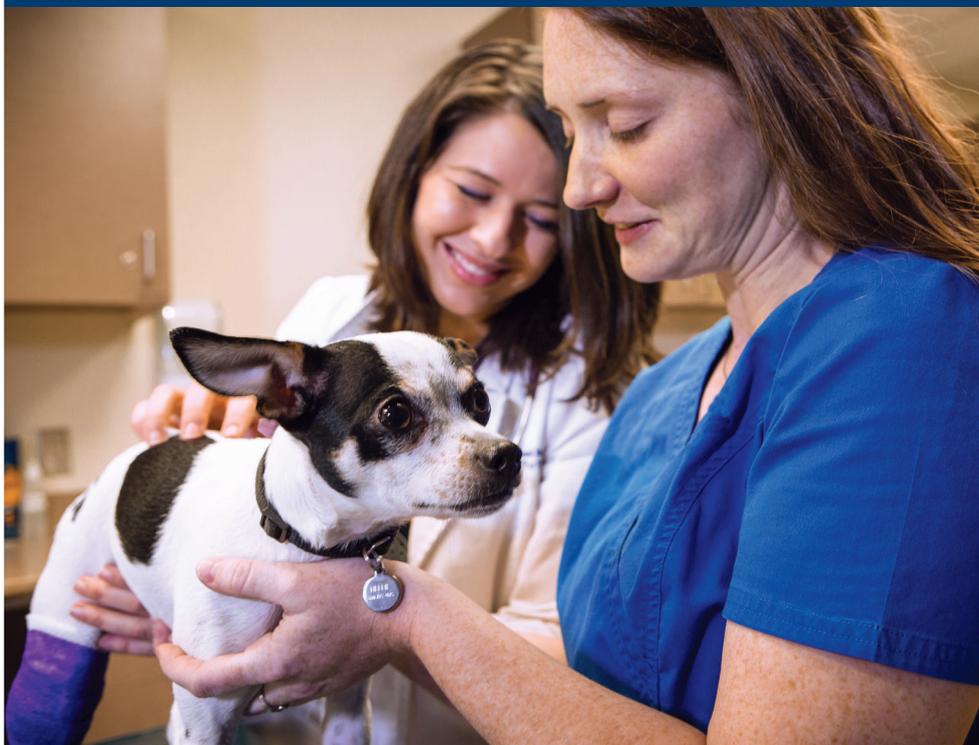


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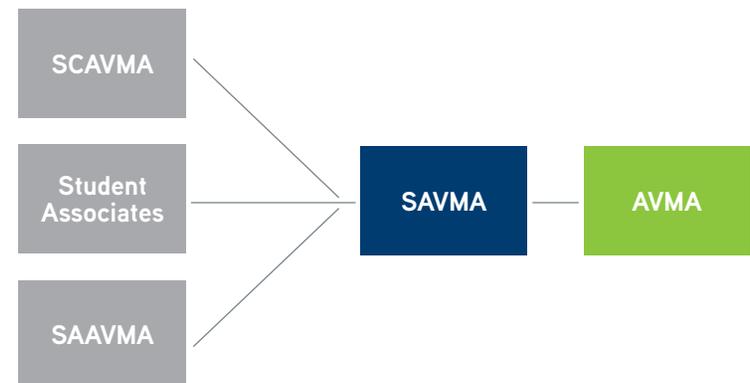
Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA)

Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) was created in 1969 as the national organization for veterinary students, in order to foster communication between individual Student Chapters and Student Associates of the AVMA (SCAVMA/ SAAVMAs) and enable them to function effectively as a single unit on the national level.

Currently, SAVMA is comprised of 35 student chapters (30 in the U.S., 1 in Canada, 2 in the Caribbean and 2 in the United Kingdom) and one student associate organization in the Caribbean, representing over 15,000 veterinary student members. SAVMA helps promote the exchange of ideas and information, and supports student interests on issues impacting veterinary medicine.

How SAVMA Works for You

SAVMA is made up entirely of student members. SAVMA is led by an Executive Board (EB) and House of Delegates (HOD), consisting of two representatives from each of the 35 student chapters, 1 satellite campus and 1 associate organization. The HOD is the legislative body of SAVMA and represents the voice of its student members. They meet twice a year—at the AVMA Convention and the SAVMA Symposium. The EB is made up of the national SAVMA officers that are elected by the HOD. Learn more about SAVMA at avma.org/savma



Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) and Student Associate of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SAAVMA)

Student Chapters of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) are organizations representing student members at a college of veterinary medicine accredited or approved by the Council on Education. Student Associates of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SAAVMA) are associate organizations representing student members at non-accredited schools.

Eligible students may become members of SCAVMA/SAAVMA if they are full-time students of veterinary medicine who are enrolled in a program of study leading to a professional veterinary degree to be granted by their college.

Find a complete listing of all Student Chapters and Associate organizations at avma.org/savma

Local SCAVMA/SAAVMA organizations provide numerous benefits, including:

- Lectures and other education experiences
- Camaraderie among fellow veterinary students
- Networking opportunities
- Local volunteer experience
- Leadership development opportunities
- Opportunity to be the voice of veterinary students/represent your college, and much more!

All SCAVMA and SAAVMA members also become a national SAVMA member when they join.

Why join the Student AVMA (SAVMA)?

Your school's Chapter or Associate organization is your link to all the privileges and resources available in the Student AVMA (SAVMA), including:

- Opportunities to gain additional professional knowledge and an understanding of professional ethics and conduct
- Access to organizations representing specialized areas of interest
- SAVMA helps improve communication between the local student organizations (SCAVMAs) and gives a national voice to veterinary students around the world
 - » International students attending a school without a SCAVMA or SAAVMA are eligible to join as student associate members
- SAVMA members gain a higher degree of professionalism and help the public acquire a broader knowledge of the veterinary profession
- All SAVMA members who graduate in good standing with their local SCAVMA are automatically converted to AVMA membership upon graduation

Join today at avma.org/savma

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

For more than 150 years, the American Veterinary Medical Association has helped to ensure excellence in all aspects of the veterinary profession, from veterinary medical education to how veterinarians work, to protect both animal and human health and animal welfare. The AVMA represents over 86,500 member veterinarians.

The American Veterinary Medical Association's mission is: to lead the profession by advocating for our members and advancing the science and practice of veterinary medicine to improve animal and human health.

AVMA focuses on three strategic areas within veterinary medicine:

- Advocacy and Public Policy
- Products and Services
- Accreditation and Certification

benefits of SAVMA MEMBERSHIP

Reduced subscription rates for AVMA journals: Journal of the AVMA (JAVMA) and the American Journal of Veterinary Research (AJVR)

- \$40 for a yearly subscription to JAVMA or AJVR. That's a savings of at least \$200 per year, per journal!
- Subscribers also have access to search online journals at avmajournals.avma.org

AVMA/SAVMA Legislative Fly-In

Students visit our nation's capital to learn about our political process and grassroots advocacy, and advocate on behalf of veterinarians and student veterinarians across the country!

Volunteer Opportunities

The American Veterinary Medical Foundation's "Our Oath in Action" events in your community and leadership opportunities are available to students.



For a complete listing of the numerous benefits of becoming a member of SAVMA, visit avma.org/savma

SAVMA Awards, Competitions and Scholarships

Numerous awards and scholarship opportunities are available for student members in a variety of categories. Learn more at avma.org/savma

- Animal Welfare/Human Animal Bond
- Education and Professional Development
- Governmental Affairs
- Integrative Communications and Diversity
- International Veterinary Experience
- Public Health and Community Outreach
- Visit *The Vet Gazette* to read about all the great things vet students are doing, and possibly earn a stipend by sharing your experiences at thevetgazette.com

Free AVMA Membership for Recent Grads!

Student Chapter of the AVMA (SCAVMA) and Student Associate of the AVMA (SAAVMA) members in good standing who meet their SCAVMA/SAAVMA requirements and have paid membership dues for all years in veterinary school at the time of graduation will be granted automatic membership to the AVMA upon graduation.

This means:

- No application to file and no dues to pay for the remainder of the year of graduation (approximate \$100 value)
- Two additional years of 50% reduced recent-graduate membership dues (\$165 versus \$330 in 2015)
- Free registration to the AVMA Convention the year you graduate (over \$500 value)
- A certificate for one free registration to the AVMA Annual Convention valid for the next five years following graduation (over \$500 value)
- Access to the members-only section of the AVMA website, including the Personal Financial Planning Tool at avma.org/recentgrad

American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF)

Established as the charitable arm of the AVMA, the AVMF provides scholarships and career-enhancing opportunities for veterinary students. Connect with AVMF as a student! Learn more at avmf.org

The AVMF offers scholarships and other honors for current veterinary students!

- One of the largest providers of veterinary student scholarships
- Funds externships offered by the American Veterinary Medical Association

Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Our Oath in Action** — As a veterinary student, you are invited to organize or participate in an animal health outreach project in your community. Projects can provide medical care to animals in need, animal shelter restoration, educational pet fairs, community needs programs and other projects that promote the well-being and medical care of animals.
- **Committee Opportunities** — Leadership opportunities are available to students interested in serving on one of AVMF's committees. If interested, complete the volunteer survey at avmf.org

AVMA Professional Liability Insurance Trust (PLIT)

AVMA PLIT offers professional liability (malpractice) coverage along with homeowner, personal auto and renter's coverage. For a very low fee per calendar year, you can receive the same amount of professional liability coverage as your sponsoring PLIT-insured veterinarian. Student liability is secure coverage for summer jobs, part-time and volunteer work. Enroll today at avmaplit.com or call **800.228.7548**.

AVMA Group Health and Life Insurance Trust (GHLIT)

GHLIT insurance coverage includes student life & disability, a Graduate Guarantee offer for coverage when you graduate from veterinary school and the portability of plans that will go with you wherever your career takes you.

Need a medical plan too? Visit our private insurance exchange/marketplace where you can review and compare plans, and ultimately enroll in medical coverage that best fits your needs. The program is underwritten by New York Life Insurance Company (New York, NY 10010). Visit avmaghlit.org or call **800.621.6360**.

events and OPPORTUNITIES



SAVMA Educational Symposium

SAVMA membership includes an invitation to the SAVMA Symposium held each year in March. SAVMA Symposium is designed to expose students to areas of veterinary medicine that are not usually covered in their regular curricula, and promote networking among future colleagues.

Join over 1,000 students for three days to:

- Attend lectures and interactive labs that supplement your school's curriculum
- Meet and compete with other veterinary schools in academic and athletic events
- Network with future colleagues and friends

Upcoming Symposia include:

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Veterinary Medicine

March 17–19, 2016

ATM | **VETERINARY MEDICINE
& BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

March 16–18, 2017 (Tentative)

AVMA Convention

Vet students receive FREE advanced registration to the AVMA Annual Convention held around July each year. Student attendees gain professional knowledge, have access to outstanding scientific and practice management sessions and network with practicing veterinarians and AVMA leadership. Learn more at avmaconvention.org

Upcoming AVMA Conventions:

San Antonio August 5–9, 2016
 Indianapolis July 7–11, 2017
 Denver July 13–17, 2018
 Washington, D.C. July 19–23, 2019

The AVMA offers vast opportunities for students looking for hands-on working experience.

AVMA Governmental Relations Division (GRD)

The GRD advocates the AVMA's policies and positions on federal legislative and regulatory issues that influence animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession. Get involved with GRD. Find out more at avma.org/advocacy

GRD Externship in Washington, D.C.

Application Deadline: October 16, 2015

- AVMA provides \$1,200 stipends for ten externs for the 4-week program
- Meet with veterinarians currently serving in a variety of roles for the United States government

Visit externsonthehill.com or call **800.321.1473**

AVMA Student Externship Stipend

Application Deadline: January 15, 2016

- Fifteen \$1,000 stipends will be awarded in Spring 2016
- Open to all members of the Student AVMA who have completed their first year
- To apply, the student must have secured an externship in a nonclinical or food supply veterinary practice

Visit avma.org/externships or call **224.213.5455**

AVMA Headquarters Externship in Schaumburg, IL

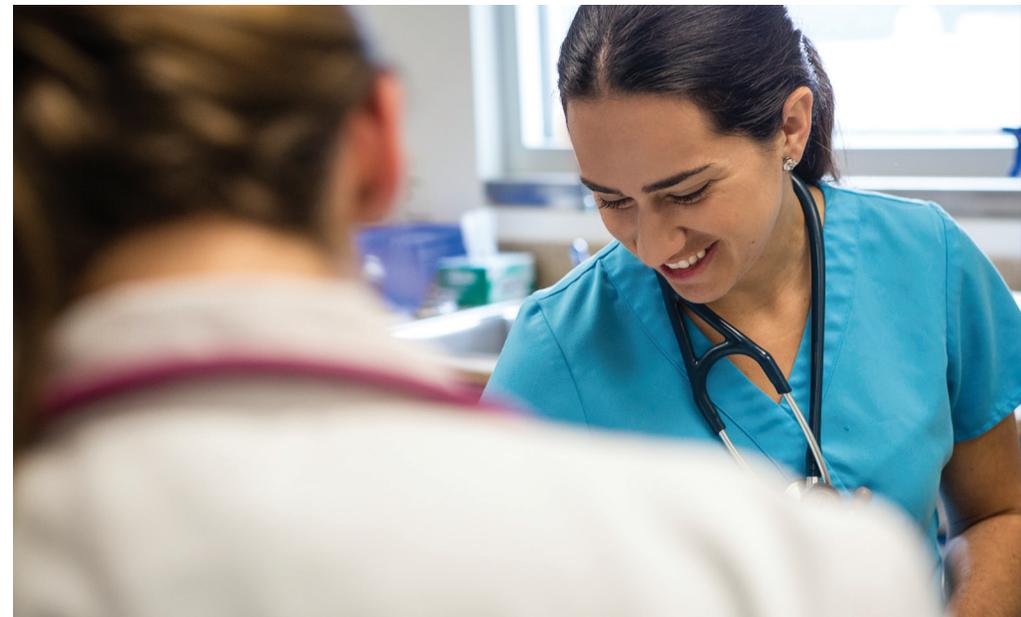
Application Deadline: March 31, 2016

- Five \$1,500–\$2,000 stipends will be awarded in Spring 2016 for the 3–4 week program
- Developed for students who would like to explore the opportunities in organized veterinary medicine by working with different divisions of the AVMA Headquarters in Schaumburg, IL

Visit avma.org/externships or call **800.248.2862, ext. 6693**

AVMA Student Externship Locator

Search through hundreds of externship possibilities that help build your knowledge within veterinary medicine. The Student Externship Locator is a resource of the AVMA's Veterinary Career Center. View externships by State, Special Interest or see what Schools and Organizations have to offer at avma.org/vccexternships



RESOURCES



Local Student Chapter Resources

For more information on your local SCAVMA benefits, reach out to your SCAVMA president. Information on your SCAVMA board members can be found online on the SAVMA website at avma.org/savma

SAVMA Directories

Connect with other Student Chapters through the online map of Student Chapters, contact SAVMA Executive Board members, SCAVMA Officers and SAVMA Delegates. SAVMA organizational documents, committee web pages and historical information can also be found online at avma.org/savma

SAVMA International Exchange Opportunities

As a member of SAVMA, you are automatically a member of the International Veterinary Student Association (IVSA). Being a member of IVSA allows you to expand your educational knowledge by participating in an international exchange opportunity. Learn more at avma.org/internationalexchange

SAVMA One Health Project

Each year, the SAVMA One Health Project hosts events to advance worldwide efforts in the One Health, One Medicine arena. For information on previous One Health efforts, or to host a One Health Project event at your school, visit avma.org/savma

Veterinary Career Center (VCC)

The veterinary profession's most extensive online employment website!

- Browse through hundreds of current open positions
- Post your resume, making it available to hundreds of employers
- Set up a personalized e-mail notification for e-mail alerts to new jobs that meet your criteria

The VCC office team is ready to answer your questions about starting salaries and benefits, as well as emerging career opportunities for veterinarians.

Visit avma.org/vcc or call **800.248.2862, ext. 6679**

Personal Financial Planning Tool

Track your expenses, plan for your future, reach your financial goals and succeed! This members-only tool allows users to build a personalized budget based on their expenses and goals in order to create a plan to pay off debt and student loans, while also saving for the future.

Try it for FREE and start your budget today at avma.org/mybudget

Contact SAVMA and the AVMA National Office

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veterinarian's OATH

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics. I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.

Approved by the HOD, 1954; Revision approved by the HOD, 1969; Revision approved by the Executive Board 1999, 2010

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