FVSP Student Application Checklist- **DUE 2/3/2020 5PM EST**

_____ Completed cover page

_____ Personal statement

_____ Biographical sketch in the format provided. Please provide your undergraduate (and graduate, if applicable) overall GPA and first semester veterinary school GPA.

_____ Your preferred faculty ranking

**Submission Instructions**

Convert the application to *one .pdf document*. Name the file using your last name, followed by an underscore and your first initial. For example: Hayward_L.pdf

Submit the converted pages, via email attachment, to Dr. Linda Hayward (haywardl@ufl.edu). The subject line must read “FVSP Student Application”.

Example: Florida Veterinary Scholars Program
Student Application

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I understand that mentor/PI approvals for me doing lab work (e.g. EH&S, IACUC, IRB) must be obtained prior to starting work and receiving a stipend

YES

I agree to preparing for the summer program during the Spring 2019 semester, which will include preparation of a study outline, and training in relevant laboratory techniques

YES
Personal statement (this is mandatory). This is your opportunity to tell the Florida Veterinary Scholars Board why you want to be a summer scholar. Limit one page, single spaced.

This is text written by a former vet student and is an example only-edited by Linda Hayward.

I am interested in becoming a summer research scholar with the Florida Veterinary Scholars Program because I want to pursue a career in small animal medicine that involves clinical research. My goal is to specialize in emergency medicine or cardiology. I also plan to complete the Shelter Medicine Certificate because regardless of the field in which I practice, I would like to contribute to promoting the health of animals in shelters and rescues.

While working as a veterinary technician, I saw first-hand how influential primary research was to the doctors. I observed my supervising veterinarians as they frequently consulted publications to gather up-to-date information to incorporate into their practice. Research studies were both a crucial means of staying current on new developments in veterinary medicine, as well as a valuable source of information for formulating appropriate treatment plans for rare and challenging cases. I am interested in incorporating research into my future career because I want to contribute to new discoveries that can be applied to improve the treatment and health of my patients and the greater veterinary community.

I am drawn to the projects I ranked because they combine my interest in cardiology with my desire to explore community and shelter medicine. I am particularly interested in the cardiology study because I adopted a dog whose breed has a high risk of developing heart disease. I take pride in becoming extremely dedicated to and passionate about the projects I become involved in and I am excited about the prospect of continuing to expand my knowledge in areas that are applicable to my career interests.

My previous work on studies with manatees sparked my interest in research and allowed me to gain experience with the data analysis aspect of research. The projects I worked on involved organizing environmental data from manatee habitats and correlating the findings with records regarding their growth and development. As I progress in my academic career, I am eager to continue working on these analysis skills, but also to learn about the process of planning and implementing a project in its entirety. I am very excited about the Florida Veterinary Scholars Program because of the opportunity to learn the methods and procedures that go into gathering the evidence for the “evidence-based medicine” we learn about in the classroom and clinics.

As summer research scholar, I will be able to better understand in my future career how to translate ideas from the clinical setting back to the research setting and vice versa. Exposure to the research process and scientific method will challenge me to learn about all the work that goes into carrying out an idea and hypothesis, while enabling me to make a positive impact on the veterinary community through my findings.
NAME: Linda Hayward  
CLASS: 20XX

EDUCATION/TRAINING (Undergraduate and higher)

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A. RELEVANT PRIOR EMPLOYMENT (including prior research experience)

1) Veterinary Technician (Veterinary Specialty Hospital of Seattle 2009-2015)
   My roles including assisting doctors in the emergency, cardiology, internal medicine, and neurology departments. I was responsible for triaging new cases and performing treatments for hospitalized patients. I also assisted with maintaining communication with clients and referring veterinarians.

2) Manatee Researcher- University of South Florida 2015-20XX.
   I was involved in ongoing studies about manatees in South Florida. My role consisted of organizing and sorting several years of acquired research data. I was able to look for trends and identify patterns among the manatee species being studied through analysis of data on nest locations, gender distributions, and environmental factors.

3) HONORS and AWARDS

   President’s List (UC Santa Cruz): Spring 2008 and Fall 2009
   Dean’s List (University of Washington): Fall 2009, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

4) PUBLICATIONS (if applicable)
   n/a

5) RESEARCH SUPPORT (if applicable)
   n/a
Faculty Mentor Ranking

1st choice: DR. GRETA CARDIOLOGY RESEARCHER

2nd choice: DR. GREG RESEARCHER

3rd choice: DR SHELLY MEDICINE

Ranking will remain confidential among the Board Members.