

Your Future

Former AVMA Fellows have returned to academia or private practice, while others have remained in Washington, D.C. to work at the:

- Department of Homeland Security
- National Institutes of Health
- Department of Health and Human Services
- United States Department of Agriculture
- Congressional Research Service
- Washington, D.C. offices of other science-based organizations
- AVMA Governmental Relations Division
- United States Congress



2008-2009 AVMA Fellows, Dr. Gail Hansen and Dr. Whitney Miller

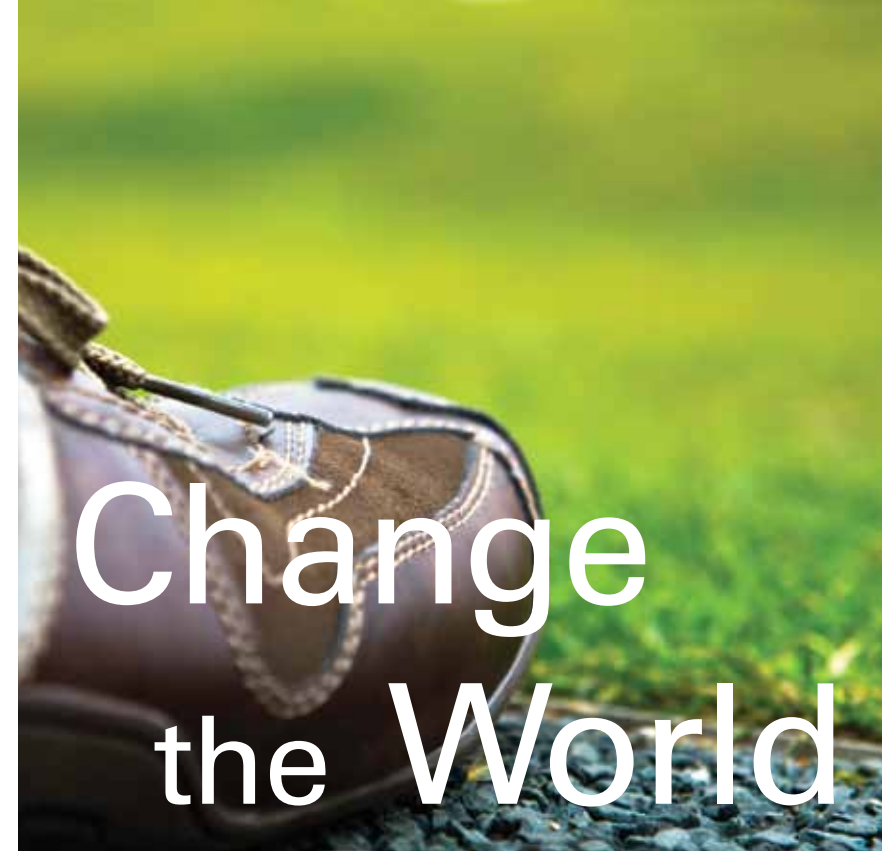
“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

- JOHN F. KENNEDY



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Washington, D.C. 20036

Applications are
due February 12, 2010



Change the World

and Yourself

A CALL FOR APPLICANTS
2010-2011

AVMA Congressional Science Fellowships





Everyone
has dreams



of making changes
and leaving the world
a better place than they found it.

Veterinarians have an unusual set of talents

that give them the opportunity to make profound changes, as long as they are given a chance to do it. Their broad scientific and medical knowledge is exactly what is needed to help guide decisions in the halls of power.

It can be easy to get tied down to a routine that allows our goals to get pushed back.

Whether you are finding a professional path, or looking for a new one, the American Veterinary Medical Association's Congressional Science Fellowship offer you the chance to make a difference in the veterinary profession and the world we live in today. Whether you have just graduated from veterinary school or have years of experience, the program gives veterinarians a chance to try something new and different.

Experience

a different side of the veterinary profession and make a difference on issues important to our nation and to our profession.

AVMA Fellows all have one thing in common – seeking change. The AVMA Fellowship Program offers veterinarians the opportunity to spend a year in Washington, D.C. working in the federal government as a scientific resource. The Fellowships are intended to help veterinarians garner a better understanding of the governmental process, gain insight into the future of science and the veterinary profession, while at same time assisting in creating the legislation and regulations that affect our nation and profession. Participants in the Congressional Science Fellowship serve as scientific resources on Capitol Hill.

Your Impact in Government:

- Represent the veterinary profession in the Legislative and Executive Branches of government
- Use science-based decision making in public policy development
- Experience and influence major public policy debates
- Network with government professionals

The Opportunity of a Lifetime

The AVMA Fellowships will begin in August of 2010 and will continue through August of the following year, in participation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellowship Program. While serving as an AVMA Congressional Science or Executive Branch Fellow, you will receive a \$73,000 stipend to offset the cost of living in Washington D.C., as well as reimbursement for certain expenses incurred during the Fellowship. Additionally, Fellows may receive up to \$6,000 to offset the cost of health insurance premiums for the year of their Fellowship.

What does it take to be a Fellow?

- Be an advocate for veterinary medicine*
- Have an interest in public policy and/or politics
- Demonstrate competence in an area of veterinary medicine
- Exhibit an interest in applying scientific knowledge to address societal/public policy issues
- Analyze, identify and easily explain core scientific issues to a variety of audiences
- Be able to write persuasively and convincingly
- Be an AVMA member and U.S. citizen
- Possess the ability to pass a government background investigation

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*The AVMA Congressional Science Fellows are ineligible to serve on any AVMA or constituent organization legislative bodies, council, committees, task forces, or hold any AVMA or constituent organization offices while serving as an AVMA Congressional Fellow.

AVMA Fellowship APPLICATION FORM

Please print
Date submitted _____

Name of applicant

Mailing address

City

State

Zip code

Telephone (Home)

(Office)

(Cell)

E-mail

Veterinary School

Year of Graduation _____ AVMA Member ID _____

In addition to this application form, your application package must include:

- A letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- A letter of support from the applicant's local, state, specialty, or allied veterinary medical association
- Two (2) letters of reference from professional colleagues
- A personal statement (no more than 750 words) describing your qualifications, commitment to veterinary medicine, and why the fellowship is desired

Send completed application by February 12, 2010 to:

2010-2011 AVMA Fellowship Program
American Veterinary Medical Association
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If you have any questions, please contact the Governmental Relations Division at 800.321.1473 or by e-mail at fellowship@avma.org.