

The Worshipful Company of Farriers Equine Veterinary Studies Award

1. Objective and Award

This Award provides the opportunity for one senior undergraduate with an aptitude for equine veterinary studies from each of the eight Veterinary Schools to work with a senior farrier to gain first hand practical experience of the craft of farriery at no cost to him/herself. The selected student will spend five working days with a host farrier prior to taking final examinations.

The selected student should consider the Award as part of his/her much wider and more formal Extra Mural Studies (EMS) requirements, which apply to all undergraduates during the college course as required by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). The time spent and experience gained will be certified by the host farrier.

2. Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

The RCVS which sets the general requirements for EMS actively supports this Award and liaison with the RCVS will be maintained throughout.

3. Panel of Host Farriers

A panel of highly qualified and respected Liverymen farriers in various parts of the country has been established. By having host farriers throughout the country travelling times and costs will be minimised. Some of the host farriers may be prepared to offer accommodation and meals to the student for which an accommodation allowance will be paid by the Company.

4. The UK Veterinary Schools

All UK university veterinary schools have accepted the invitation from the Company to participate in this Award, and a member of staff has been nominated to act as the liaison between the veterinary school, the student and the Company.

Each school, advised by the appropriate staff in the clinical equine studies department, has nominated a pre-eminent student for the Award.

5. Timetable for the Award

Invitations to participate in the Award are sent to the Veterinary Schools early in the previous year and the staff forward the information to all interested students at that time. Individual students are requested to confirm their interest in participating in the Award during the following year with the Head of Department as soon as possible.

The school should inform the Company of the details of the nominated student before the end of the Summer term or by a time agreed with the coordinator in order to allow sufficient time for arrangements to be agreed by the Company, the student and the host farrier for the visit to take place during the following year at a mutually convenient time.

6. Candidate Selection

The selection of the student to receive the Award is made by which ever process the school prefers and the details of the nominated student notified to the Company as soon as possible.

To ensure that the terms, finances and responsibilities of the Award are defined and understood, guidelines are sent to the liaison contacts at the veterinary school for distribution to potential candidates using a Dropbox folder.

The terms of the Award include:-

- The completion of a Tripartite Placement Agreement (TPA) between the Company, the host farrier and the student receiving the Award, who are all required to sign the agreement;
- The selection of the successful student from the veterinary school being the responsibility of the staff, who are aware of each applicant's abilities and potential;

- The nominated student being well motivated, having an aptitude for equine studies as well as some experience in handling horses;
- The veterinary school to provide the Company with a brief CV for the student indicating previous experience and academic achievements;
- The Company requires receipt of a written report of the placement by the student once it has been completed, which will be copied to the veterinary school and be available for publication by the Company or elsewhere if appropriate; and
- A certificate of assessment to be completed by the host farrier and copied to the student, the veterinary school and the Company.

7. Placement Learning Objectives.

A list of guideline learning objectives is included in the green leaflet issued to the host farrier and the student which includes a brief checklist of Main Topics likely to be covered during the five days of routine farriery practice.

8. Finance

The Trustees of the Company's Charitable Trust will underwrite the cost of the Award as specified below:-

- Accommodation with dinner, bed and breakfast normally not exceeding £50 a day for a maximum of five nights. The Company recognises that it may be necessary to negotiate acceptable terms in accordance with local conditions;
- Up to £10 a day for lunch with receipts provided;
- Travel expenses at 40 pence per mile or the cheapest return ticket on either National Express Coach or by 2nd Class Train. Daily travel from home normally may be chosen only if the daily round trip does not exceed 100 miles; and
- Subject to the satisfactory completion of the placement, the student will be offered admission to the Freedom of the Company without the initial entry fee. The annual membership subscription will also be waived until 2 years after graduation.

9. Administration

The day to day administration of the Award includes:-

- Liaison with the veterinary school;
- Making the arrangements with the student and the host farrier;
- Completion of the Tripartite Placement Agreement by the Company, the host farrier and the student;
- Reimbursement of travel, lunch expenses and settlement of dinner, bed and breakfast accounts on production of receipted accounts;
- On completion of the placement, the host farrier is required to certify the student's time spent and work experienced during the five day period;
- On completion of the placement, the student is required to provide a report on the placement; and
- Any serious problems occurring during the placement should be referred immediately to the Awards Administrator.

10. Farriers Registration Acts

The Council's Registrar has confirmed that trainee veterinarians may only practice farriery under the supervision of a registered qualified farrier.

11. Insurance

Each student is required to provide proof of insurance cover arranged either by him/herself or his/her University whilst on EMS placements.

Each Host farrier is required to provide information concerning cover in place for students visiting his/her Forge.

The Company has contingency insurance cover for any liabilities in relation to the Award Scheme for final year Veterinary Students.