

## COMPANION ANIMAL VETERINARIANS (CAV) EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP 2025

The Companion Animal Veterinarians (CAV) Branch of the New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe (NZVA) offers an annual educational travel scholarship to support veterinary educators. Established in 2000, this scholarship aims to assist experienced veterinary professionals in accessing and sharing valuable knowledge from international conferences and meetings that would otherwise be unavailable to New Zealand practitioners. The goal is to benefit companion animals, their guardians, CAV members, and the wider veterinary community.

Applications open annually and are advertised in *Companion Quarterly*, *e-CAV*, *VetNews*, and on the NZVA website.

### Criteria for application

The scholarship is to contribute to travel, registration and accommodation costs for conferences or meetings outside Aotearoa New Zealand. It is not available for any CAV or NZVA offshore event.

The scholarship is open to both CAV members and non-members. Successful applicants are usually specialists in their field, but we also support those who have developed advanced skills in an area of special interest who reside in New Zealand and who agree to provide stipulated veterinary education by way of articles, reports and presentations in their area of interest. Non-members may apply and will be considered at the discretion of the CAV Committee.

### Conditions of the scholarship

Recipients attending international events in person must provide:

1. a report (800–1800 words) on the conference or meeting for CAV's newsletter, *Companion Quarterly*
2. an article (1,500–3,500 words) on a specific aspect of interest to New Zealand veterinarians for *Companion Quarterly*
3. a 60-minute webinar for CAV members, hosted via NZVA platforms.

Recipients attending online events from New Zealand must provide **either**:

1. a report (800–1800 words) on the event
2. an article (1,500–3,500 words) on a specific aspect of interest to New Zealand veterinarians for *Companion Quarterly*
3. a 60-minute webinar for CAV members, hosted via NZVA platforms

Successful applicants must use the scholarship funds within one year of being notified of the award.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make all travel arrangements and cover all costs of their trip.

All reports and articles must be submitted and revised to publication standard as determined by the editor of *Companion Quarterly* before final payment is made.

Presentations should include the NZVA and CAV logos (available from the NZVA Veterinary Coordinator).

## Application process

To apply, please email the following information to [cav@vets.org.nz](mailto:cav@vets.org.nz) by **31 July 2025**.

- Your current curriculum vitae (CV)
- Details of how you wish to use the scholarship
- An explanation of how your further education will benefit CAV members, companion animals, and companion animal owners in New Zealand
- A budget, including travel, registration and accommodation expenses (in New Zealand Dollars) to show how the scholarship will be spent
- Details of any other funding applications for the conference or meeting
- A statement that you understand the terms and conditions of the scholarship
- A statement of whether you are a current CAV member.

Applications will be reviewed by the CAV Committee, and all applicants will be notified of the outcome within four weeks.

If you have any questions about this process, please email [cav@vets.org.nz](mailto:cav@vets.org.nz).

## Payment of the scholarship

There are two scholarships available in 2025, each valued at \$5,000.

Applicants will be notified of the decision and 50% of the scholarship can be claimed following receipt of a signed agreement to fulfil the scholarship obligations.

The remaining 50% of the scholarship is available after the recipient has fulfilled the requirements within 12 months of returning from the conference or meeting.