Notes for Applicants of the Kennel Club
International Canine Health Award
Student Inspiration Award

Read these notes very carefully before completing the Student Inspiration application form.

The Kennel Club is the largest organisation in the UK devoted to dog health, welfare, education and training. Its objective is to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners. Through the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, the Kennel Club supports research into dog diseases and dog welfare charities and funds the Kennel Club Genetics Centre and the Kennel Club Cancer Centre at the Animal Health Trust, both of which are at the forefront of pioneering research into dog health.

Underwritten by a major gift from Vernon and Shirley Hill, founders of Metro Bank, the Kennel Club Charitable Trust International Canine Health Awards recognise innovative researchers and veterinary scientists whose work has had a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of dogs. The Student Inspiration Awards form an integral part of the Award’s overall objective. There are two awards: Postgraduate (£10,000) and Undergraduate (£5,000).

1. The Student Inspiration Awards are awarded to encourage the development an individual’s career, to aid further education costs, or to create or continue a project. The Awards aim to develop and encourage veterinary postgraduate and undergraduate students to have a greater understanding of canine health and welfare and the Kennel Club’s role in this field.

2. Postgraduate and undergraduate student projects may be undertaken at home or abroad.

3. Decisions will be made by a sub-committee of the Kennel Club Charitable Trust International Canine Health Awards Judging Panel, whose decision will be final.

4. Any veterinary student studying at a UK veterinary school is eligible to apply for the Awards. The postgraduate student must be within five years of his/her first degree.

5. All research undertaken within a project funded by the Award must be ethical and must not cause harm, undue distress or worry to any animals that are participants in any related study or clinic. Any projects conducted under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act (1986) will not be considered.
6. Students must discuss their intention to apply with their referee before submitting their application. Suitable referees include Head of School, Head of Department, or tutor/supervisor (i.e. someone who knows the applicant and their work well).

7. The Student Inspiration Awards are awarded to an individual student specifically to promote and fund their research and not to the institution.

8. Short-listed students will be required to attend interviews with the sub-committee at the Kennel Club in London. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

9. Recipients of the Student Inspiration Award may be asked to provide articles or information for Kennel Club and related publications or website, or in other ways, such as attending congresses and meetings. These will be done on an ad hoc basis, with full consultation on availability beforehand. The winner of the Postgraduate Award will be asked to submit an article for publication in The Veterinary Journal.

10. Applications are to be made by completing the relevant Kennel Club Charitable Trust International Canine Health Awards Student Inspiration Award application form, and can only be made by completing this form. Please send the completed application, your CV and supporting letter from your referee in pdf format to the Kennel Club, at icha@thekennelclub.org.uk.

11. Applicants will be notified by the end of March 2018 whether their applications have been successful and if there are any conditions the Judging Panel wishes to apply.

For further information, guidance or questions about the Kennel Club International Canine Health Awards, please email icha@thekennelclub.org.uk