

--- Name of 501(c)(3) Organization ---

Cornell University

--- Today's Date ---

03/23/2021

--- Year Established ---

1865

--- Amount Requested ---

\$12,000

--- Name of Executive Director ---

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--- Farm/Facility Name ---

College of Veterinary Medicine

--- Farm/Facility Physical Location (City, State) ---

Ithaca, NY

--- Farm/Facility Mailing Address ---

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--- Brief Mission Statement ---

Our mission is to advance veterinary medicine at the interface of discovery and application. We promote research at the molecular, cellular, organismal, and population levels to better inform the practice of medicine, public health, and policy.

We are dedicated to excellence in research, educational programs and professional service. We seek to advance understanding of both animal and human health, foster open collaboration across disciplines and institutional boundaries, and integrate discovery with application.

--- In brief, what is your proposed use of the grant you are applying for? Please include 3 to 5 goals you expect to achieve with the funding. ---

We propose to use the grant for two need-based scholarships of \$6,000 each for students interested in pursuing equine medicine after graduation.

--- If you received a grant from TERF (Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation) previously, please describe how those funds were used. ---

In the past we have received grants for need-based scholarships for students interested in pursuing equine medicine.

--- Please list the other organizations or major contributors that have provided funding to your organization within the last calendar year. ---

Private donors, New York State, tuition payments.

--- Please describe your charity's public education/research efforts. ---

There are too many to list, but can be found on our website:

<https://www.vet.cornell.edu/about-us/outreach>

--- Please describe any publicity your charity has earned within the last calendar year. Copies of news articles or a brief summary of news coverage are acceptable. ---

Please see our website for a complete listing of the most recent publications and news:

<https://www.vet.cornell.edu/about-us/news>

--- List 2-3 things that distinguishes your organization and why TERF should fund this proposal. ---

Our college is considered one of the foremost for veterinary education in the country if not the world. We educate the next generation of equine veterinarians, and in order to compete for the top students, financial aid is extremely important. With the pandemic, students are seeing their financial situations and those of their families worsen, and scholarships are ever-more necessary to allow students to attend.

--- Please list your Officers with their Titles ---

University Leadership: <https://leadership.cornell.edu/>

Board of Trustees: <https://trustees.cornell.edu/members/>

--- How many Directors/Trustees does your organization have? ---

50

--- Director Name (1) ---

Please see link above.



Sunday, March 29, 2020

2020-21 STUDENT STATEMENT OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Tyler Olson, CLASS OF 2022

I attended High School in New Berlin New York , Chenango County.

I am especially interested in working with Equine or large animal ambulatory species.

I decided I wanted to pursue a DVM degree in high school; like many vet students, it started with the love of animals, however my reasons have evolved the longer I've worked in the field of veterinary medicine. After receiving an Animal Science degree from Cornell I worked as an assistant for an ambulatory equine practice for a year before starting vet school. In this year I was exposed to a wide variety of clients and horses. As I worked and learned from the veterinarians in the practice I realized how much of a role the veterinarian can play in the life of the horse and the owner. I realized that each owner had a goal for themselves and their horse and they looked to the veterinarian to help them achieve that goal. For some it was keeping an old horse comfortable on pasture and healthy through the winters, for others it was making sure their horse was healthy and ready for a rigorous show season/career, and all of them wanted to be more educated to help their horse live a happier life. I found this to be the real driving force for me every day at that job and it is still what drives me today. I want to work in an ambulatory equine practice helping those owners and their horses reach their goals, no matter how big or small. Previously I was unsure if I would like to work in an ambulatory or in a hospital setting, however while in school I work as a student technician in the Equine and Farm Animal Hospital and continue to work with the ambulatory practice part time. After working in both of these settings it's become clear to me that going farm to farm as an ambulatory practitioner is the perfect role for me.

I have tried to be active in my time at school by organizing labs for the annual Large Animal Symposium, organizing labs and lectures in my role as Secretary for the Student Chapter of AAEP, and organizing labs and lectures for the 2020 SAVMA Symposium (which was unfortunately canceled). I am also an active member of Table Top Vets, a group of vet students who organize a weekly game night to relieve some of the stresses of vet school. I also organize weekly rounds with the large animal medicine and surgery residents so that students can be constantly reminded of what we are working toward.

When not studying or working in one of my other roles in school I am usually at home with my partner, and our horses, goats, dogs, and cats. I have found that having these responsibilities outside of vet school helps me achieve a healthy work/life balance and I anticipate that this will help ease the transition from being a student to a working veterinarian.



Tuesday, April 7, 2020

2020-21 STUDENT STATEMENT OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Bianca Ruspi, CLASS OF 2022

I attended High School in Sandy Spring, Maryland , Montgomery County County.

I am especially interested in working with Equine species.

I am pursuing a career in veterinary medicine because I aspire to foster the development of healthy human to animal connections. My own bond with my rescue dog continues to show me every day how much happiness and love an animal connection can bring to a person's life. Furthermore, as I continue with my veterinary education, I realize more how much I enjoy the intellectual challenge a veterinary career offers. Learning how to solve problems has been a very valuable skill that I have enjoyed practicing throughout veterinary school and look forward to honing during my career. I plan to pursue a veterinary career working with horses exclusively. I plan to complete an internship in Equine practice following graduation. I currently have plans to extern at various practices, including large, specialty practice in Lexington, KY and smaller, general practices in other locations. I am still trying to decide whether I would like to complete a large animal residency or go into equine practice following my internship. If I decide to complete a residency, I will likely pursue a program in Equine surgery. My experiences during my undergraduate years in Lexington, KY have sparked my interest in the Thoroughbred industry. I am interested in working within this field when I graduate and helping to improve upon some of the challenges it currently faces. In the past year, I have been able to work in Dr. Heidi Reesink's lab to assist with project that address Thoroughbred racehorse breakdown injuries.

While in veterinary school, I have served on the executive boards of Cornell's student chapters of AAEP and ACVIM. I have especially enjoyed my position with AAEP, as I have been able to lead many labs and make connections with Cornell faculty members. I also attended the national AAEP Convention last winter and was selected as a winner for the Student Case Presentation Competition. I also served as the Equine Track Chair for the SAVMA Symposium, which was intended to be hosted at Cornell in spring of 2020. Additionally, I have worked with Christian Veterinary Mission to provide veterinary service to disadvantaged communities in Costa Rica. This experience exposed me to an incredible way to integrate my faith, my Latin American heritage, and my passion for veterinary medicine. Working with Christian Veterinary Mission impacted me very deeply, and I plan to continue to work with Christian Veterinary Mission during veterinary school, and post-graduation, providing my service wherever needed.