



## VBMA-Live Oak Evidence Based Management Report Summer Research Grant (2011)



The VBMA, with the outstanding support of Live Oak Bank, is offering one VBMA member the opportunity to perform independent research pertaining to veterinary business, management and/or economics. The research grant will award one student with \$5000.00 for use during three months of summer under the guidance of a faculty advisor.

The primary goal of the Evidence Based Management Report is to provide a unique opportunity for a VBMA member to perform real, non-medical research. Through their research, the winning applicant will contribute to the data available to veterinary professionals interested in business management, economics and the state of the profession.

The following application must be submitted via email to the National President at [Ashley.e.craig@gmail.com](mailto:Ashley.e.craig@gmail.com) by April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Phone interviews will be conducted on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. After review by the national board, applicants will be notified of their status by April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Resources to aid you in creating your proposal may be found on the National VBMA website under “Business Resources – Business Links” and under “Student Opportunities-- Externships.”

The winning applicant will have created a proposal that meets the following criteria:

- 1) A research question that shows both creativity and a desire to address a major non-medical issue in the veterinary profession
- 2) A feasibility in scope for a summer research project
- 3) A well-defined methodology
- 4) The intent to create a presentation and publishable document.

Contact Information:

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Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine



APPLICATION:  
 VBMA-Live Oak  
 Evidence Based Management Report  
 Summer Research Grant  
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Name:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Veterinary School:

Anticipated Year of Graduation:

Faculty Advisor:

Position:

Will you be receiving any other grant money or compensation during the months of June, July and August 2011? Yes No

If you answered, "Yes," will you be able to commit full-time (minimum 32 hours per week) to the proposed research project? Yes No

Please return the following to your Regional Leader and the National VBMA President by 4 April 2011:

1. This application, signed by you and your faculty advisor, with a short resume
2. Research Project Proposal including at minimum:
  - a. Research Question and Explanation
  - b. Methods
  - c. Rough Timetable for Project
3. A rough budget of the \$5,000.00 grant.

Typed Signature:

Date:

Typed Advisor Signature:

Date:



**VBMA-Live Oak  
Evidence Based Management Report  
Summer Research Grant Agreement**

(To be signed and returned to NVBMA President upon Notification of Award)

**Grantee:**

**Project Title:**

Under the following terms and conditions of this Contract, the Grantee agrees to complete the Project as described in the project description, and the National VBMA (NVBMA) agrees to fund the Project in the Grant amount of \$5,000.00 USD.

Should this application be chosen by National Veterinary Business Management Association for the Evidence Based Management Report Summer Research Grant, the NVBMA will provide a \$5,000.00 stipend to support full-time research (defined as no less than an average of 32 hours per week over three full months). This stipend is intended to include 1) room and board, 2) travel, and 3) miscellaneous expenses related to the project, and will be paid to the applicant on 15 May 2011.

The NVBMA will provide thirty minutes at the next VBMA National Meeting in January 2012 for presentation of the material.

By signing this document, the applicant attests that the project proposal was developed by the applicant (signer), with the exception of advisement received by the project advisor. Furthermore, by signing, the applicant agrees to perform the proposed research by her/himself as her/his sole intellectual property to be used for potential publication under the name "VBMA-Live Oak Evidence Based Management Report."

The applicant will be required to send updates on their progress every month until the project is completed. The results of the research will be summarized and in presentable form by 15 September 2011, and formally worked up as a research article intended for review and potential publication by 15 December 2011.

The award recipient will provide a rough budget of how she/he intends to use the funding and a budget summary at the end of the research period for NVBMA use. This information will not be used to evaluate the current award recipients in any way, and will only help to inform potential future project stipends.

Typed Signature:

Date:

Typed Advisor Signature:

Date:

(Return agreement via email to VBMA President at [Ashley.e.craig@gmail.com](mailto:Ashley.e.craig@gmail.com))