



Broad Spectrum Veterinary Student Association

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Broad Spectrum-LGVMA

LGBTQ+ Advocacy Grant Application

Broad Spectrum Veterinary Student Association envisions an inclusive, academic veterinary community, where sharing experiences and educational opportunities inspire community engagement and equality, so that LGBTQ people and allies are able to contribute to and thrive within a diverse veterinary profession and academic environment. We are the North American veterinary medical student-run umbrella organization for Broad Spectrum veterinary student chapters at colleges of veterinary medicine.

Call for Applications for the LGBTQ+ Student Advocacy Grant

The Broad Spectrum Veterinary Student Association received a \$10,000 grant from *Merial* – now part of Boehringer Ingelheim, a leading animal health company. The funding is part of a larger grant to the Lesbian and Gay Veterinary Medical Association, which will be used to support their strategic plan for advocacy, wellness and ***veterinary medical student support*** in 2017.

Broad Spectrum is encouraging college of veterinary medicine student groups/chapters that have a mission or project, which is inclusive of

LGBT support and advocacy to apply for a \$500 grant. This funding can be used towards their campus chapter LGBT advocacy, education and networking. Eligible groups include Broad Spectrum chapters, LGVMA chapters, and other student groups such as VOICE, which have a designated member to represent LGBT+ interests and similar groups. We hope to continue this project in 2018 if successful in 2017. Applicants can apply for a grant through November 1, 2017 *as long as the grant money lasts*. Preference will be given to student groups in Canada, United States and the Caribbean, although other applicants will be considered. Awards will be offered starting April 1, 2017 on first come and rolling basis. Please review the Broad Spectrum brochure and grant application for additional requirements. Interested parties can request a brochure and application, and should send the completed via email to broadspectrumoutreach@gmail.com. Please include the names and email addresses of all club officers, if applicable. Follow up reports and photos are required.

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