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Last summer, for the fourth consecutive year, students from the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine participated in a research program sponsored by the Merck Company Foundation. The Program Director was Dr. Prem Paul while the Program Facilitators were Drs. Donald Reynolds and Michael Taylor. Eleven talented veterinary students submitted proposals, nine were funded by the Merck Company Foundation and two by the College of Veterinary Medicine. This program provided a summer stipend for each student and the funds for each research project. Each student was required to write a research proposal and to carry out a research project in conjunction with a mentoring professor. The participating students then prepared and displayed a slide presentation of their work at the end of the summer. The presentations were attended by representatives of the Merck Company Inc., Drs. Dan Farrington, Andy Kraft, as well as faculty, staff, and students.

The participants were given the opportunity to visit a Merck research facility outside Fulton, Missouri. Students were treated to an excellent luncheon, tour of the facility and presentations by Merck employees, outlining the opportunities for veterinarians in the research field.

Due to the benevolence of the Merck Foundation, the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the faculty who guided the scholars through their research projects, students from the College of Veterinary Medicine were able to gain invaluable experience in the research field.

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