



# Southwest National Primate Research Center

## Instructions for Preparation of Applications for **FOREIGN VETERINARIAN TRAINING PROGRAM**

The Southwest National Primate Research Center (SNPRC) provides laboratory animal medicine training opportunities for up to two foreign veterinarians each year. We have established a new program that now includes a six month clinical/research experience and involves training in the areas of clinical nonhuman primate medicine and surgery, pathology, behavioral management, laboratory animal administration and animal research. A candidate may also submit a request for two individual six month extensions. One may be submitted in their third month of the training program and the second in their ninth month of the program should the first extension be granted. Veterinarians from foreign research institutions are welcome to apply. Preference will be given to veterinarians from research facilities that are currently engaged in collaborative research with the Southwest National Primate Research Center. This is a non-funded program; therefore the candidate is expected to pay all travel and living expenses.

### **Application Process**

Complete the application form as follows:

1. Personal information - Fill in your name, mailing address, a phone number where you can be reached, your e-mail address, and the institution where you are currently employed. Explain if your facility has a collaborative effort with the Southwest National Primate Research Center.
2. References - Enter the names of two people who are familiar with your veterinary medical employment performance who will send a letter of reference to the address given below. The letters should address your potential to benefit from this program and the potential for your institution to benefit from the program.
3. Attachments - Include with your application form a transcript that shows confirmation of your veterinary degree along with a one-page description of your interests and what you hope to gain from this training program.
4. Submission - (a) Mail, fax, or e-mail the form and attachments, and (b) ask your references to mail, e-mail or fax their letters of reference to the Southwest National Primate Research Center. The address is listed below.

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Southwest National Primate Research Center  
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San Antonio, TX 78245-0549  
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**Southwest National Primate Research Center must receive all application materials no later than six months before the anticipated date for the training. If selected for the training program, the veterinarian must obtain a J-1 Visa.**

## **Review and Acceptance**

Applications will be reviewed by an acceptance committee. Decisions regarding acceptance will be made and candidates will be notified by e-mail within 1 month of the submission of the completed application.

Selection criteria include

- Proof of veterinary medical degree
- The written letter of intent
- Two letters of reference
- Preference will be given to applicants that work at institutions with collaborative efforts at the Southwest National Primate Research Center

## **Procedures Following Acceptance**

Upon acceptance, each veterinarian will be sent a J-1 Visa questionnaire for completion. Once completed and returned to the Southwest National Primate Research Center, a J-1 Visa application will be generated by the Southwest National Primate Research Center and sent to the veterinarian. The veterinarian must pay the Visa application on-line at <https://www.fmjfee.com> and retain a copy of the receipt to show at his/her consulate in order to schedule his/her consulate interview. The Southwest National Primate Research Center will reimburse for this expense. A copy of the approved J-1 visa, proof of medical insurance and a copy of the photo page of the veterinarian's passport must be sent to Dr. John C. Bernal ([jbernal@sfbr.org](mailto:jbernal@sfbr.org)). The passport must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the period of training at the Southwest National Primate Research Center. Once these documents are received, a packet containing information about the Southwest National Primate Research Center and the San Antonio area will be provided. It is recommended that each veterinarian obtain an international driver's license prior to attending the training program.

## **Training program**

Foreign veterinarians are expected to commit to a six month clinical/research experience and training in the areas of clinical nonhuman primate medicine and surgery, pathology, behavioral management, laboratory animal administration and animal research.