

2021 UTCVM Research Day Winners

Graduate Student Category:

1st Place – Nicole Szafranski, Comparative & Experimental Medicine

“Investigation of the prevalence of Toxoplasma gondii in North American waterfowl”

Mentor: Dr. Rick Gerhold

Travel award of \$500.00

2nd Place – Eliza Baker, Comparative & Experimental Medicine

“Health survey of coyotes from South Carolina and Tennessee”

Mentor: Dr. Rick Gerhold

Travel award of \$300.00

3rd Place – Anastasia Towe, Comparative & Experimental Medicine

“Use of implants for Terbinafine administration to treat and prevent chytridiomycosis in amphibians”

Mentor: Dr. Debra Miller

Travel award of \$200.00

Veterinary Student Category:

1st Place – Abbie Metcalfe, Class of 2024

“A retrospective review of spinal disease in non-domestic felids”

Mentors: Drs. Andrew Cushing & Michelle Dennis

Travel award of \$500.00

2nd Place (tied) – Haley Cremerius, Class of 2023

“Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of pantoprazole in neonatal calves”

Mentor: Dr. Joe Smith

Travel award of \$300.00

2nd Place (tied) – Myranda Gorman, Class of 2024

“Comparing methodologies for the detection of Leptospira in environmental samples”

Mentor: Dr. Sree Rajeev

Travel award of \$300.00

Phi Zeta Award for Excellence in Animal Health Research:

Julie Bedwani, Class of 2023

“Establishing a wildlife biobank at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine with a pilot study of wildlife pathology”

Mentor: Drs. Michelle Dennis & Rick Gerhold

Cash award of \$250.00