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