

# Veterinary Research Scholars Program

*College of Veterinary Medicine  
Kansas State University*

**Poster Session & Scholar Recognition**



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## **About the Veterinary Research Scholars Program**

The Veterinary Research Scholars Program (VRSP) at Kansas State University is a competitive summer research experience for students between their first-second or second-third year of the veterinary curriculum. Through this summer experience, we hope to attract and inspire our most talented veterinary students towards a career in veterinary research.

Scholars' eligibility is determined based on academic scholarship and research goals. Scholars are matched with their best-fit experienced faculty research mentors for the summer.

Scholars spend the summer working closely with their mentors on their research project. This summer, scholars participated in virtual weekly journal clubs, research synopses, and workshops. We also had virtual tours of NBAF and Merck Animal Health.

The Veterinary Research Scholars Program requires a substantial commitment by the scholars to devote time and effort towards expanding their understanding, appreciation, and application of research in veterinary medicine.

Today our scholars will share their research findings at Kansas State University, and next week they will all participate in the National Veterinary Scholars Symposium virtually to present their posters and network with peers and researchers from other veterinary schools, industry, and government, from throughout the United States and abroad.

Thank you for joining us and sharing in our research celebration today!

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## **2020 Veterinary Research Scholars and Mentors**

Molly Allison, KSU Class of 2023	Dr. Brian Geisbrecht
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Maddie Butterfield, KSU Class of 2023	Dr. Juergen Richt
Ariel Carruth, KSU Class of 2023	Dr. Kathryn Reif
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Breanna Fox, KSU Class of 2022	Dr. Jessica Meekins
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Lauren Herd, KSU Class of 2023	Dr. Kathryn Reif
Marissa Komp, KSU Class of 2023	Dr. Chieko Azuma
Jayden McCall, KSU Class of 2023	Dr. Waithaka Mwangi
Cierra Roubicek, KSU Class of 2023	Dr. Raghu Amachawadi
Zixuan Wang, KSU Class of 2023	Drs. Punit Prakash, Maggie Highland, and Charan Ganta
Martha (MJ) Wenger, KSU Class of 2023	Dr. Brian Herrin
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