

International Programs Scholarship Fund

By helping offset the cost of travel abroad, the International Programs initiative at the CVM gives students the opportunity to study transboundary livestock diseases first-hand and to learn how to interact successfully with people in different cultures.

The Initiative

“The scrawny, white cattle were huddled by the hundreds into a ‘cow camp’ along the White Nile in South Sudan. The cattlemen gather them here along the river to better protect themselves against raids by neighboring tribes who want to steal cattle. These cattle are the people’s bank account. Cattle number determines wealth, status, and power. Our little group of veterinarians from Texas A&M as well as the local South Sudanese veterinarians were visiting the camp to get a better idea of what health problems affected these animals. The cattle were obviously very thin. On closer examination, many of the cattle had hugely swollen lymph nodes indicating something more may be going on besides lack of nutrition. Our South Sudanese colleagues were concerned about East Coast Fever, a disease that I had only heard about while attending lectures on foreign animal diseases. Our colleagues and the herdsmen were looking for answers and for help. Could we help them?”



We have all heard that our world is getting smaller. It’s not unusual for a person to be sitting in their office in the U.S. one day and 36 hours later be in a country literally half-way around the world. No longer are the foreign animal diseases students learn about in medical school or veterinary school something that has little potential to affect our lives in the United States. In



addition, our highly mobile lives bring us into contact with new cultures. Are we able to deal with people from other cultures in a way that leads to solutions and not more problems?



Our Objectives

In order to better prepare our students for futures in the medical professions, the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM) International Programs initiative endeavors to help students gain international experi-

ences by helping them travel and study internationally. We have several faculty members who lead study abroad courses that last from a few weeks to an entire semester. In addition, we help students develop independent study abroad experiences and then provide travel stipends to help offset the cost.

Over the past three years, we’ve helped students travel to and learn in China, Mongolia, South Africa, Germany, Italy, Thailand, Australia, and more. We believe these experiences help prepare our students to become better medical professionals by allowing them opportunities to see the foreign animal diseases they read about and by learning how to interact successfully with people in a culture that is not their own.

Your Support

With most students, cost is the greatest limiting factor that prevents them from experiencing this type of learning opportunity. The CVM International Programs initiative helps supplement travel expenses up to \$1,000 per student, but with a total student population of over 2000, we are unable to supplement all of them. Please consider supporting the CVM’s International Programs initiative with a tax deductible contribution.



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Mark Francis Fellows

Private contributions provide the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences with the financial help required to maintain its vitality and to strengthen its national influence.

Giving

Although Texas A&M University is a state-assisted institution, it must rely on private contributions and support to maintain its excellence. When you have made one or more contributions totalling \$1,000 to any of the development initiatives at the college, you become a Mark Francis Fellow. Fellows help meet needs in several fundamental areas including student scholarships and financial aid, equipment, public outreach, academic programs, research, and animal treatment.

Major Areas of Support

- Enroll the most talented students, regardless of their financial status
- Recruit and retain the very best scholars and teachers
- Provide environmental and technological resources conducive to learning and research
- Provide assistance to clients who may not otherwise be able to afford life-saving medical treatment for their pets
- Enhance innovative programs, such as practitioner involvement in clinical research, education, technology, basic research, new initiatives in patient care, and new thrusts in continuing education

Membership Levels

As Fellows continue to give to the college, they are recognized at the following levels:

Basic	\$1,000–\$2,499
Maroon Level I	\$2,500–\$4,999
Maroon Level II	\$5,000–\$9,999
Maroon Level III	\$10,000–\$24,999
Diamond Level I	\$25,000–\$49,999
Diamond Level II	\$50,000–\$99,999
Diamond Level III	\$100,000 and over

Being a Mark Francis Fellow

Fellows comprise a select group of College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences advocates who find satisfaction in close involvement with a college whose achievements are immediate, tangible, and significant.

Fellows are people who are concerned about Texas veterinary medicine—people who recognize that the college is in a unique position to make important advancements for animals and human beings through education, research, and service.

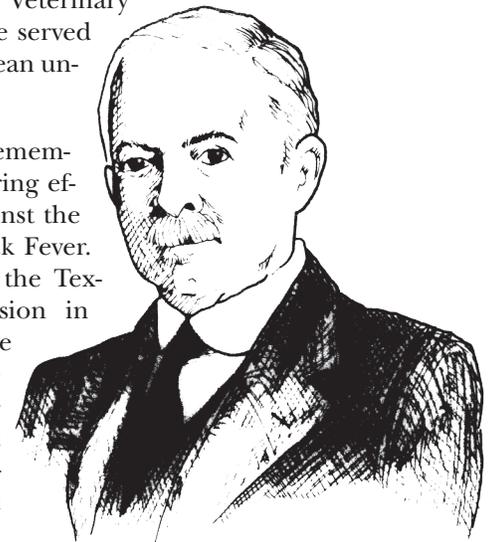
Fellows are the leaders for voluntary giving and set the pace for other donors to the college.

As a Mark Francis Fellow, your gifts will enable Texas A&M University to continue its long-standing tradition of making a difference in veterinary medicine.

About Dr. Mark Francis

Dr. Mark Francis became the first professor of veterinary science at Texas A&M and was largely responsible for the establishment of the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1916. He served as the college's first dean until his death in 1936.

Francis is fondly remembered for his pioneering efforts in the fight against the devastating Texas Tick Fever. He helped organize the Texas veterinary profession in 1903 and became the first president of the newly formed state organization, which later became the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA).



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