



**VIN Foundation Solutions for the Profession Competition**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual**

The seventh annual VIN Foundation Solutions for the Profession Competition is open to all students currently enrolled in veterinary school.

Three entrants will win scholarships to help support tuition and education related expenses (**winnings have been increased this year thanks to donations!**):

**First place: \$5,000**

**Second place: \$3,000**

**Third place: \$1,500**

**2023 Essay Topic:**

Veterinary Teaching Hospitals

Until 2010, only a few veterinary schools operated a distributed clinical education model, having students receive their clinical training at other schools or private practices. In the last decade, several new schools have adopted this model, with students having the majority of their clinical education at private practices.

Please answer both of the the following questions in your essay submission:

1. Explain why this has been a positive, negative or inconsequential change for the profession?
2. Do you think this trend should be continued or should veterinary schools be required to operate a teaching hospital to train students?

**Word Limit:** 1,000 words (not including references or titles)

**All essays must be submitted in English and in Microsoft Word file format.**

The VIN Foundation may publish each essay submitted or a portion thereof within the confines of our mission. Any publication of essays will be attributed to the author. Please see the **terms & conditions** for further information.

**Judging** will be based on how well student essays describe their assessment of the topic, along with the originality and practicality of the suggestion(s) and/or solution(s) offered.

The judging will take place in three rounds. Each essay will be anonymized and read by at least three evaluators in each round. The panel for round one is composed of the VIN Foundation Solutions for the Profession Committee made up of both veterinarians and related professional readers. The second round will be judged by veterinarians with insight into the relevant issues discussed in the essays. The third round will be judged by leaders in the veterinary profession.

**Competition timeframe:**

Competition opens: *Friday, November 18, 2022*

Competition closes: *Friday, January 20, 2023 11:59pm PT*

Winners announced: *Friday, April 21, 2023*

Essays must be **submitted online**. One entry per student.

Additional information may be found on the **VIN Foundation website**.