

## AVA Student Member Volunteer

The AVA Annual Conference is the largest conference and exhibition in Australia covering all fields of veterinary science and attracts over 800 delegates and 100 exhibiting companies. There are eight concurrent streams and 200 scientific sessions, a stellar line-up of international and local speakers, a social program and workshops and field trips. This conference is a unique opportunity to converse and gain knowledge from delegates from all around Australia as well as being able to get an understanding of the profession. For more information please visit:

[www.conference.ava.com.au](http://www.conference.ava.com.au)

### Your role as a volunteer

The main role of student volunteers will be to assist in the scientific session rooms including scanning delegates name badges on entry, assisting with speaker requirements and other general assistance as required.

AVA will provide elected AVA student volunteers:

- Accommodation for the duration of your volunteer role – usually shared single sex dormitory style
- Free conference registration including access to scientific sessions (once duties are completed)
- Free access to the trade exhibition
- Breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to all students during their rostered shifts
- Student volunteers are welcome to join delegates for Happy Hour from 6:00pm – 7:00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings
- One free Gala Dinner ticket – Thursday 9 May 2019 (only applicable if your volunteering for the full week)

### Activities for the week

#### Saturday 4 May 2019

- Policy Council Meeting, 8:30am – 5:30pm  
*optional activity but we highly recommended that you attend and venue to be advised*
- Combined Dinner, 7:00pm – 10:30pm  
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#### Sunday 5 May 2019, 8:00am – 8:00pm

Welcome and briefing, tour of conference facilities, satchel packing and general set up as required. Welcome reception and exhibition opening 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

#### Monday 6 May 2019 – Thursday 9 May 2019, 7:00am – 7:00pm

Students will be required to help at various breakfast sessions throughout the week. During the day, all session doors need to be staffed and once all delegates are in their respective sessions you will be able to attend sessions. There are various events such as happy hours in the afternoon/early evening and the Annual General Meeting where the Conference Manager, Kandy Musgrave, will need your help. Staying in contact with the AVA Events Team Student Coordinator will enable you to understand what's happening each day and what is required of you.

## **Friday 10 May 2019**

There will be several workshops and field trips available on these dates, but these will be at your own expense. Please visit the workshops and field trips page of the website. If you are interested in attending any of these workshops you will need to register online.

## **Evenings**

If there are no functions to attend and you're not rostered on to volunteer, evenings are at your own leisure.

## **Clothes**

We request that you always dress smart casual while onsite, along with comfortable closed-in shoes, and we also recommend you wear black trousers or a skirt during the conference. The AVA will provide you with a Student Ambassador Vest so that you are noticeable as the AVA Student Representatives. Please also bring dinner attire for the Gala Dinner, dress for this event is Chic (black tie or cocktail).

## **Closing date for applications: Thursday 7 March 2019**

Successful applicants will be notified via email around Thursday 12 March 2019.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by around Friday 29 March 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact the AVA Events Team Student Coordinator Stephanie McGuinness; [stephanie.mcguinness@ava.com.au](mailto:stephanie.mcguinness@ava.com.au) or call 02 9431 5056.