

# Southeast Dairy Producer's Check-Off Program Research Summary

## Food Anim Vet. Med. Scholarship

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**Amount Awarded:** \$1,000

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## Implications

Students who successfully complete the certificate program receive a University of Florida certificate and accompanying transcript annotation that documents their directed training in FAVM. The certificate identifies a new graduate veterinarian as capable and ready for an entry-level position in a food animal practice or a food systems profession. The certificate provides students an edge in employment readiness because of their dedication, work ethic and commitment to the certification process. They are better prepared to provide leadership and applied clinical research in the area of food systems veterinary medicine. This process also prepares the way for specialty training in an internship and (or) residency program and (or) advanced training in a graduate education (MS, PhD) program. This scholarship is awarded to a certificate candidate who has met the following criteria.

*Criteria: The award is made to veterinary students who have shown outstanding leadership qualities, applied clinical research, scholastic abilities and proficiency in dairy cattle production medicine. Special consideration given students that have an interest in practicing in Florida.*

## Methods

The objective is to encourage and recognize veterinary students who have shown outstanding leadership qualities, scholastic abilities and proficiency in dairy cattle production medicine and research.

## Results

The Food Animal Reproduction and Medicine Service (FARM Service) in the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) has developed a Certificate in Food Animal Veterinary Medicine (FAVM), which is offered to encourage the development of students capable of providing professional service and clinical research to the area of food animal medicine upon graduation. Students participating in the certificate program are mentored through didactic, clinical and clinical research activities that provide a strong entry level training in applied food animal veterinary medicine. Faculty mentors play an important role in helping students clarify and pursue their career goals and set the path for their completion of certificate requirements. The recipient for 2023 was Jeremy Chandler DVM, now practicing in Elk Grove CA in a mixed animal practice that has a large livestock component.