

# School of Veterinary Nursing Workplace and Supervisor awards

Every year the Otago Polytechnic School of Veterinary Nursing has two annual awards, the Work Experience Placement Excellence Award, and the Workplace Supervisor Award which serve to recognise the importance that an excellent work placement or workplace supervisor can have on the success of our students.

Students are welcome to nominate one or more work placements, and / or supervisor/s. There are no limits or restrictions on nominations and students can submit multiple nominations if more than one work placements or supervisor have impacted them positively.

## **++ Work Experience Placement Excellence Award ++**

This award is open to any animal facility, veterinary clinic, external laboratory, farm or similar that has taken at least one student for placement during their enrolment with Otago Polytechnic, School of Veterinary Nursing, within the nomination period.

Examples of an excellent work placements:

- \* Are proactive in student support
- \* Give opportunities for learning
- \* Support evidence collection
- \* Are inclusive, the student feels they are part of the team
- \* Give honest feedback and critical evaluations of the student
- \* Are encouraging, engaging and willing to share knowledge

## **++ Workplace Supervisor Excellence Award ++**

This award is open to a supervisor at a work placement who has overseen at least one student at a work placement during their enrolment with Otago Polytechnic, School of Veterinary Nursing, within the nomination period. The supervisor will generally be employed by an animal facility, farm or veterinary clinic.

Attributes of an excellent supervisor include:

- \* Embodies professionalism in their role and are passionate about animal welfare
- \* Is friendly, approachable and encouraging
- \* Has inspired or motivated the student
- \* Provides excellent support and mentoring
- \* Spends time with the student, proactively helps with learning
- \* Cares about the student's success

Nominations close 1 December on the nomination year.

Selection:

A selection panel of SVN staff chooses the recipients. All nominations are recognised by a letter of commendation from the School.

Award Recipients will be recognised at Otago Polytechnic School of Veterinary Nursing Pre-Graduation Function in Dunedin, early March of each year.