

AVS/ IVSA UK & Ireland Elections 2021

Name: Erica Cook

Position: Grants and Sponsorship Officer

Vet School: Nottingham

Year: 3

About me:

My name's Erica and I'm applying for the role of Grants and Sponsorship Officer. I'm in my third year at Nottingham, and still haven't lost the feeling of thrill of finally being at vet school! Having ridden since I was (very) little, I'm excited to go into equine practice when I graduate, with the aim of specialising in equine soft tissue surgery.

I love to get stuck into a task and complete it to the best of my ability- this role on the AVS committee will let me do exactly that. Additionally, I really enjoy working with people, to achieve a great outcome. Having been on university committees over the two years, I understand the problems, and rewards of teamwork.

Experience:

Treasurer for The University of Nottingham Agriculture Society 2019/20.

- Obtained more than £1,000 of funding.
- Obtained discounted rates with national companies for our members to complete machinery training.
- Currently hold an advisory role, helping to write grant and funding applications through the year.

Vice President for The University of Nottingham Farmers Market 2020- Present

- Help to obtain university funding for the society.
- Liaise with stall holders regarding financial contributions towards the society.

Fundraising for JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)

What I would try to achieve in my role:

If given the opportunity to fill this role, my aims would be to;

- Increase funding through more sponsorship for AVS.
- Increase the amount of events we could hold with this increased funding.
- Create more bursary opportunities for Veterinary Students.
- Apply for other national/international/governmental funding opportunities.

Why you should vote for me:

I believe that my previous responsibilities applying for funding, and enjoyment of liaising with others (both peers and people associated with other areas of the veterinary industry) mean I would be successful in obtaining grants and sponsorships for AVS. I am excited by the prospect of filling this role and would be eager to work with the 2021 AVS committee to ensure that AVS continues to acquire the funding needed to keep running as the brilliant organisation it is.

