

VMLRP Volunteer Panelist Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest, and indication of potential availability, to serve on a VMLRP panel! As a VMLRP panel volunteer, you should be aware that by submitting the form below you are not making a firm commitment to NIFA. In constructing a balanced panel, NIFA must take many factors into consideration including all aspects of diversity and fairness. NIFA attempts to use as many qualified volunteers as possible while still meeting its obligations to assure balance of diversity and expertise. This means that for any given panel set we cannot guarantee all volunteers in our pool will receive an invitation to serve. Nevertheless, through your willing inclusion in our volunteer panelist pool for VMLRP, you are already providing an essential public service by helping to ensure the integrity and quality of the VMLRP section processes.

NIFA offers an honorarium of \$225 per day of in-panel service to panelists whose employers allow such compensation. In addition, all reasonable travel expenses are paid to individuals serving on in-person **Awards Panels**, which meet in Kansas City, Missouri at NIFA headquarters.

Broadly speaking, the credentials NIFA seeks in VMLRP panelists are experience, interest and insight concerning the subject matter of this unique program (<http://www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp>). An appreciation for, and understanding of, the importance and consequences of geographic and specialty-discipline shortages of private practice and public practice food supply veterinarians is essential.

Individuals interested in being considered to serve on VMLRP panels are asked to complete the form below and email it to vmlrp.applications@usda.gov. Please enter the following text in the email Subject Line: **“VMLRP Panelist Volunteer.” Applications are accepted any time, however, to be fully considered for this cycle please submit before March 31st.**

Again, thank you for your service to NIFA and your professional community!

I am interested in tentatively being considered as a volunteer VMLRP panelist (check all that applies):

- On the VMLRP **Awards Panel** (meets in-person in Kansas City, MO for a 3-day panel in mid to late June). The **Awards Panel** reviews and ranks applications from veterinarians seeking to fill veterinary shortage situations in exchange for a loan repayment award. All US citizens with subject matter expertise are eligible to serve on an **Awards Panel**, including corporate, local, county, state and federal animal production and health experts and, especially, private veterinary practitioners.
- NIFA may keep my contact information for use during future VMLRP program years.
- I have previously served on a VMLRP **Nomination Panel(s)**
Year(s) served on this panel:
- I have previously served on a VMLRP **Awards Panel(s)**
Year(s) served on this panel:
- I am a State or Federal Employee, or an employee of a US AVMA-accredited College of Veterinary Medicine (any percent of time). If none of these apply, you are still eligible to serve on Award Panels (but not Nomination Panels.)

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Name _____

Degrees/Majors/Interested Areas: _____

Position/Title (years' experience): _____

Institution/Employer: _____

Private Practice, Public Practice, or "Other": _____

Approx %-time commitment to, and/or years of experience in,
Food Supply Veterinary Medicine (Presently or in the past): _____

Phone (Work): _____ Phone (Mobile): _____

Email Address: _____ FAX: _____

Work Address: _____

Home Address: _____

*Ethnicity (optional): _____

*Gender (optional): _____ *Age (optional): _____

*Other Diversity Category – please describe (optional): _____

* *Optional Fields – denotes information essential for construction of balanced and diversified panels*

Optional additional information: In the space below, you may enter a brief explanation (one or two paragraphs) of your interests, credentials and experience relevant to the intent of the VMLRP.

Career Highlights

End of questionnaire

NOTE: NIFA is committed to assuring diversity (race, ethnicity, gender, age, geographic, etc) on our panels. Identification of, and volunteerism by, minority panel candidates is especially encouraged. Early career individuals are encouraged to serve.