Dear Doctoral candidate,

Welcome to the Doctoral Programme in Clinical Veterinary Medicine (DPCVM) in the Doctoral School in Health Sciences (DSHealth, http://www.helsinki.fi/health/).

The aim of CVM is to train experts who are genuinely multidisciplinary, critical, and innovative. CVM has approximately 80 Doctoral candidates and about 8 doctoral theses are published annually.

Research, national and international scientific training in CVM covers *animal welfare*, *translational and clinical veterinary medicine*. Suitable scientific training courses are presented in CVM web site (http://blogs.helsinki.fi/aniwel-graduate-school/). Mobility (work, courses and congresses outside home unit) of the Doctoral candidates is supported by *travel grants*.

In addition to Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (host faculty) other faculties and institutes in the University of Helsinki and outside organisations are part of the CVM network.

Updated information of CVM can be found in *web site*. Doctoral training related information and announcement are e-mailed by dpvcm-members @ helsinki.fi *mail list* for doctoral candidates and supervisors. To unsubscribe the list contact Coordinator Ilkka Reenilä (ilkka.reenila @ helsinki.fi).

Besides CVM courses, participation especially to annual *CVM Autumn Seminar* is recommended. In addition, transferable skills courses are provided by, for example, DSHealth. Doctoral candidate colleagues in health sciences meet in DSHealth’s events, such as Summer night in Science.

Doctoral candidate has a group consisting of supervisor(s) and external expert(s) who guide and support candidate until the doctoral degree. *Follow-up group* meetings with supervisor(s) and external expert(s) are organized annually and a report of previous year’s progress is sent to CVM. Career planning and networking are important already in the beginning of thesis work since majority of the doctors are employed outside University. Familiarise yourself to the guidelines.

Welcome to the research world of clinical veterinary medicine!

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