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Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

UFAW invites applications for two major research awards

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is inviting applications for two of its prestigious animal welfare science research awards – the *UFAW Research Training Scholarship* and the *UFAW 3Rs Liaison Group Studentship*, which together provide up to £165,000 in funding over three-year research projects.

Since 1998, six Research Training Scholarships have been awarded by UFAW as part of its programme to encourage high quality science likely to lead to substantial advances in animal welfare. The Research Training Scholarship enables promising veterinary or science graduates at UK institutions to undertake three-year research projects leading to degrees at the doctorate level. Up to £30,000 per year for a three-year project is awarded. Applications for the Research Training Scholarship are encouraged in, but not limited to, the following fields:

- development of methodologies aimed at elucidation of the neurological basis of sentience in animals;
- developments in approaches to alleviating welfare problems in farmed, companion and/or laboratory animals through breeding;
- developments in detection and alleviation of pain;
- development of methods of welfare assessment.

The UFAW 3Rs Liaison Group, formerly known as the Pharmaceutical Housing and Husbandry Steering Committee (PHHSC), is to award a studentship of up to £25,000 per year for a three-year PhD research project, based in Britain, into any aspect of the Replacement, Reduction or Refinement of laboratory animal use. The Group is a coalition, established in 1998 by UFAW, of animal welfare organisations and industry which aims to improve the welfare of laboratory animals by identifying and funding research needs that lead to practical solutions for welfare. To date, four studentships have been funded.

Further information and application forms for either of these awards can be obtained from the UFAW website (www.ufaw.org.uk) or by contacting the UFAW office on 01582 831818, email ufaw@ufaw.org.uk.

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Note to Editors:

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is an internationally recognised, independent scientific and educational animal welfare charity. It works to improve knowledge and understanding of animals' needs in order to achieve high standards of welfare for farm, companion, research, captive wild animals and those with which we interact in the wild.

UFAW improves animal welfare worldwide through its programme of awards, grants and scholarships; by educational initiatives, especially at university and college level; by providing information in books, videos, reports and in its scientific journal *Animal Welfare*; by providing expert advice to governments and others, including for legislation and 'best practice' guidelines and codes; and by working with animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and all those who care about animals.

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