

UFAW SAWI VACATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2010

The UFAW SAWI Fund Vacation Scholarship Awards are based on the successful Vacation Scholarship Scheme developed in 1983 by the UK-based Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW). In many cases, Vacation Scholars have published papers in scientific literature as a result of their vacation work, and these projects have helped provide a first step towards a career in animal welfare.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applications are welcome from undergraduates in agricultural, biological, medical, veterinary or zoological sciences. Students must be registered at either a university or college in Israel.

How much is the award?

Successful applicants receive 1500 Shekels subsistence and departmental expenses for every week of study up to a maximum of **12,000 Shekels** (eight weeks). Projects are normally conducted during the summer vacation (June – September) and last between four and eight weeks. Projects do not have to be carried out in Israel; however no extra money is available for travelling expenses.

What is involved?

Vacation Scholarship research projects must have clear relevance to improving the well-being of farm, laboratory, companion, wild or zoo animals. Students are encouraged to design their own project proposals, but they should seek guidance from tutors to ensure that the proposal has a sound scientific methodology, that all necessary facilities are available, and that the work will be properly supervised. Alternatively, supervisors who find a suitable candidate can apply.

Applying for an award

All applications should be submitted on an application form (available from UFAW). The form asks for a concise outline of the proposed study and, where applicable, reference to scientific papers or other work relevant to the investigation. Applications must include a reference from the supervisor and comments by the Head of Department. If a student is to conduct the project at an external establishment (eg zoo or research institute) they must seek prior permission in writing from the appropriate person (eg curator, director).

Applications should include details of:

- The number and type of animals to be studied
- Experimental methods (eg type of behavioural observation, statistical tests)
- Whether the project is to be carried out under a Home Office licence
- How any significant findings will be used and/or made available to others (eg publications/presentations)

Completed applications must reach the UFAW offices by **28th February 2010**.

The applications will be assessed by a panel of judges and then all applicants will be notified of the outcome of this process. Successful students will receive full details and administrative notes at this stage.

The final report

On completion of the experimental work, students must write up and submit an original copy of the full report, including an abstract, by 1st November of the same year. Reports should be typed and spiral bound and must be accompanied by at least one photograph or slide of good quality which is relevant to the work and which can be used to illustrate the project in the UFAW News-sheet or Annual Report.

The work carried out by scholars should be regarded as confidential to UFAW unless permission to publish is specifically requested. Copies of any publications arising from the work must be forwarded to UFAW.

Examples of recent Vacation Scholarships

- *Evaluation of pain and distress associated with equine castration*
- *Social housing of chimpanzees: the effects of group size and structure on social behaviour and relationships*
- *Effects of light spectrum on the behaviour of fish in laboratory aquaria*
- *Investigating the behavioural consequences of positive handling of pre-parturient heifers prior to introduction to a dairy herd*
- *Evaluation of the use of a mirror as a form of enrichment for group-housed mice*

What is the UFAW SAWI Fund?

The UFAW SAWI Fund is a fund held by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare to promote and advance animal welfare in Israel. It is named the SAWI Fund because it was derived from the Society for Animal Welfare in Israel, which became a Fund within UFAW in 2003. The founder of the society for Animal Welfare in Israel (and thus the originator of the UFAW SAWI Fund) was Miss Marguerite Silverman MRCVS.

What is UFAW?

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare is an internationally recognised independent, scientific and educational animal welfare charity. The organisation is concerned with promoting high standards of welfare for farm, companion, laboratory, and captive wild animals, and for those with which we interact in the wild.

UFAW works to improve animal welfare in the UK and overseas by:

- *Promoting and supporting developments in the science and technology that underpins advances in animal welfare*
- *Promoting education, particularly at the university and college level, in animal care and welfare, in current issues and in assessment of welfare*
- *Providing information, organising meetings, and publishing books, videos, articles, technical reports and the quarterly scientific journal Animal Welfare*
- *Providing expert advice to government departments and other bodies and amending laws and guidelines*
- *Enlisting the energies of animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and others who care about animals.*

Joining UFAW

UFAW is an independent registered charity, entirely supported by donations, legacies and membership subscriptions. UFAW does not receive government or university funding. The annual membership subscription is £10; there is a reduced fee of £5 for students. Corporate or group membership of UFAW is open to departments or libraries of universities and colleges, corporate specialist groups and commercial and industrial establishments worldwide. Contact the UFAW office for further details and an application form.

To make a donation to the UFAW SAWI Fund for animal welfare in Israel

We are keen to develop our programme for animal welfare in Israel and would be most grateful for your support. Donations or legacies to support the UFAW SAWI Fund's work in Israel should be made payable to 'The UFAW SAWI Fund' (see address below). For further details please contact the UFAW office.

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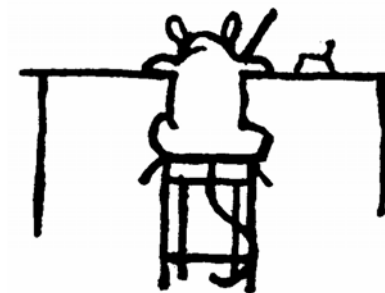
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