



Animal Welfare Student Scholarships Up for Grabs!

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Interested in animal welfare and looking for something to fill those long, balmy summer days?

A leading welfare charity has announced vacation scholarships worth up to £1,360 for undergraduates studying in the British Isles. The awards from The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare give students the chance to do a welfare project next summer. The deadline for applications is 28th February 2005.

The UFAW Vacation Scholarship scheme encourages agricultural, biological, medical, zoological and veterinary students to develop their interests in animal welfare. Research projects must have a clear relevance to improving the wellbeing of farm, laboratory, companion, wild or zoo animals. Many past scholars have used the experience as a stepping-stone towards a career in promoting animal welfare through science.

Successful applicants receive £140 subsistence and £30 departmental expenses per week up to a maximum of eight weeks. Examples of recent Vacation Scholarship projects include

- Evaluation of pain and distress associated with horse castration
- Improved social housing of zoo animals
- Effects of aquarium lighting on fish
- Improvements in laboratory animal care

The UFAW Vacation Scholarships scheme celebrates its 21st anniversary on 8th December 2004. The celebration takes place at Glasgow Veterinary School and features talks by this year's scholars. Topics include:

- An evaluation of retraining strategies for rehabilitated horses

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- Effects of essential oils on the behaviour of Mongolian gerbils
- Welfare of aquarium fish
- Assessing animal emotions

For an application form for the 2005 Vacation Scholarships and information about the 21st anniversary meeting, please contact Katherine Parkes at UFAW on 01582-831818 (scioff@ufaw.org.uk)

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Notes to Editors

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (www.ufaw.org.uk) is an internationally recognised, independent, scientific and educational charity. It promotes high standards of welfare for all animals including wild, captive, farm, laboratory animals and pets. It depends on members and supporters for all funding. UFAW improves animal welfare worldwide through its programme of awards, grants and scholarship schemes; by public education especially at university and college level; by providing information in books, videos, articles, technical reports and in its quarterly scientific journal *Animal Welfare*; by providing expert advice to government departments including the drafting of legislation and guidelines, and by working with animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and all those who care about animals.

“Improvements in the care of animals are not now likely to come of their own accord, merely by wishing them: there must be research and it is in sponsoring research of this kind, making its results widely known, that UFAW performs one of its most valuable services.” (Sir Peter Medawar, CBE, FRS, 8th May 1957 – Nobel Laureate (1960), Chairman of the UFAW Scientific Advisory Committee 1951-1962)

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