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UFAW INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR £20,000 AWARD

Charity seeks proposals which will advance 3Rs

UFAW invites applications for an award of up to £20,000 for innovative research or other proposals which will advance the Replacement, Refinement or Reduction of the use of animals in scientific research or testing.

Applicants may be based anywhere in the world and the award can be used to cover salary, student stipends, research, or travel costs including study/research visits, (or any combination thereof). Interested applicants will need to submit a brief concept note by the 24th of July 2017 and full details of the award and the application process can be found on UFAW's website – www.ufaw.org.uk.

UFAW hopes to be able to announce a successful applicant by the end of October 2017.

Since its foundation in 1926 UFAW has worked to improve the welfare of animals used in research by supporting scientific studies to understand and improve their welfare alongside education and training to improve the lives of animals used for scientific purposes worldwide. It was whilst working for UFAW in the 1950s that William Russell and Rex Burch developed the concept of the 3Rs – Replacement, Reduction and Refinement and these principles are now broadly accepted as the framework under which research on animals should be conducted.

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Note to editors:

The 3Rs:

The 3Rs principles suggest that there are three ways to lessen the impact of scientific research on animals:

Replace animals with other ways of gaining the knowledge required (by using computer models, tissue culture, artificial organs etc. to understand biological processes)

Reduce the number of animals used to achieve the results (for example by doing more efficient experiments which use fewer animals)

Refine the way animals are treated to minimise any impacts upon them (the aim being to cause less suffering to the animals or to improve their welfare whilst still achieving the scientific aims)

UFAW has supported developments in all of the 3Rs which have resulted in improvements to the welfare of millions of animals.

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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