

UFAW Animal Welfare Student Scholarships

(including the Ruth Harrison Student Scholarship)

UFAW established a student scholarship scheme in 1983 to enable students to pursue their interests in animal welfare and to conduct relevant research or other (eg educational) projects. Since the scheme began there have been over 450 scholars, many of whom have gone on to careers in research or animal welfare.

Who can apply?

Applications are welcome from undergraduates (or equivalent) students who are registered at a university or college at which there is a UFAW LINK person. The UFAW LINKs scheme is a network of members and supporters at over 120 learning institutions around the world: ufaw.org.uk/links.

Students will usually be studying agricultural, biological, psychological, veterinary or zoological sciences. However, we would be pleased to receive applications from students from other disciplines who are interested in carrying out a project related to animal welfare.

Applications from MSc students on appropriate courses will also be considered. Please consult our funding FAQ for more details, www.ufaw.org.uk/faq.

How much is the award?

Successful applicants receive **£200 per week** subsistence and **£100 per week** project expenses to a maximum of **£2400**.

Projects may be carried out at any time and usually last between four and eight weeks. Support is provided for up to eight weeks although projects may be longer than this and do not have to be undertaken in one continuous period of study.

What is involved?

Projects must be relevant to improving the welfare of farm, laboratory, companion, zoo or wild animals whose welfare is compromised by humans.

We do not fund projects where the sole aim is species conservation. Students are encouraged to design their own project proposals, but they should seek guidance from supervisors and heads of department 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.

Students who do not have ready access to the help and resources required to plan a scientific research proposal, may also wish to consider applying for a UFAW Mentoring Partnership: www.ufaw.org.uk/mentor.

Applying for an award

Applications must be submitted on the Student Scholar application form (available from the UFAW website – www.ufaw.org.uk/awss). The form asks for an outline of the proposed project and, where applicable, reference to scientific papers or other work relevant to the investigation.

Applications should include details of:

- Aim
- Methods
- If animals are to be involved, the number and type of animals to be studied
- Ethical approvals or licences
- Animal welfare benefits: how the work may lead to improvements in animals' quality of life. NB Much as UFAW applauds research that advances species conservation and other important issues – this scholarship scheme is for work that addresses animal welfare
- How any significant findings will be used and/or made available to others (eg publications/presentations)

Completed applications must reach UFAW by **28th February 2022**.

Awards are competitive and applications are judged by a panel according to their importance for animal welfare, educational experience offered to the student scholar, number of animals affected, scientific and other merits of the proposed project, ethical acceptability, value for money and other factors.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome and successful students will receive full details and administrative notes at this stage.

The judges may also award the Ruth Harrison Student Scholarship, which has been established with the support of the Farm Animal Care Trust (FACT), in memory of Ruth Harrison, whose tireless work at the Trust and seminal book *Animal Machines* led to reform and long-lasting improvements in farm animal welfare.

The final report

On completion of their project, scholars are required to write up and submit an original full report of their work, including an abstract, by 1st November of the same year (unless otherwise agreed in advance with UFAW).

Additionally, UFAW regularly holds a meeting for Student Scholars at which scholars are invited to present their work. The meeting is usually held in mid-December. Expenses to attend this meeting will be covered by UFAW.

What is UFAW?

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW), the International Animal Welfare Science Society, is an independent, scientific and educational animal welfare charity. The organisation works to promote 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.
- 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 a charity, entirely supported by donations, legacies and membership subscriptions. UFAW does not receive government or university funding.

The annual membership subscription is £30; there is a reduced fee of £10 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.

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