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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR 2018 ANIMAL WELFARE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to £2000 in funding available

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is inviting applications for its Animal Welfare Student Scholarships (including the Ruth Harrison Student Scholarship).

UFAW established the student scholarship scheme in 1983 to enable students to pursue their interests in animal welfare by providing opportunities to undertake research in this field or other, for example educational, projects. Since the scheme began there have been over 355 scholars and the scholarships have proved to be a successful launch pad for a career in animal welfare science.

Applications are welcome from undergraduates (or equivalent) who will usually be studying agricultural, biological, psychological, veterinary or zoological sciences. However, UFAW also welcomes applications from students from other disciplines who are interested in carrying out a project related to animal welfare. Students must be registered at either a university or college in the British Isles or an overseas institution at which there is a UFAW University Link person. Applications from MSc students on appropriate courses will also be considered.

Projects must be relevant to improving the welfare of farm, laboratory, companion, zoo or free-living wild animals whose welfare is compromised by humans, and may be carried out within the UK or overseas. Successful applicants will receive up to £2000 to cover subsistence and project expenses.

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 closing date for applications is 28th February 2018. Further information about the scholarships and application forms can be obtained at the UFAW website www.ufaw.org.uk (Grants and Awards page), or by emailing goodwin@ufaw.org.uk.



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Note to editors:

The range of projects that have been undertaken by previous Animal Welfare Student Scholars has been very wide and in many cases scholars have published papers arising from their work in scientific literature (which UFAW encourages). Other scholars have gone on to undertake postgraduate research in aspects of animal welfare. UFAW encourages its past scholars to keep in touch and to remain part of the UFAW team actively promoting animal welfare.

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. This work relies on the support of members, subscribers and donors.

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