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UFAW invites applications for student project awards of up to £2000

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is inviting applications for its 2017 Animal Welfare Student Scholarships (including the Ruth Harrison Student Scholarship).

The aim of the Student Scholarships scheme is to enable students to pursue their interests in animal welfare and to provide them with the opportunity to conduct relevant research or other (eg educational) projects. Students will typically be undertaking courses in the agricultural, biological, psychological, veterinary or zoological sciences. However, UFAW also welcomes applications from students in other disciplines interested in undertaking a project in animal welfare.

Projects are normally carried out during the summer vacation and may be carried out within the UK or overseas at institutions where there is a UFAW University LINK. Funded projects must be relevant to improving or better understanding the welfare of farm, companion, laboratory, zoo or free-living wild animals whose welfare is compromised by human factors. The judging panel may award the Ruth Harrison Student Scholarship to a high quality application addressing the welfare of farmed animals. This scholarship 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.

Further information and the application form, which must be submitted to UFAW by 28th February 2017, is available on the UFAW website (www.ufaw.org.uk/awss). Successful applicants will be awarded up to £2000 to cover subsistence (£200 per week for up to 8 weeks and project costs up to maximum of £400).

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Note to editors:

The first UFAW Animal Welfare Student Scholarships were awarded in 1983 and since the scheme began there have been over 350 scholars. The range of projects that have been undertaken has been very wide and in many cases scholars have published papers arising from their work in scientific literature (which we encourage). 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 UFAW Animal Welfare Student Scholarships have also been a successful launch pad for a career in animal welfare science, with a number going on to supervise scholars themselves.

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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