



Veterinary Student Travel Awards available for USAHA/AAVLD annual meeting

To promote student interest in careers in public veterinary practice and diagnostic veterinary medicine, a new Veterinary Student Travel Awards program is being launched to support veterinary student attendance at the annual joint United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) meeting. Eight competitive \$500 Travel Awards will be granted to students to offset travel expenses to the annual joint USAHA/AAVLD Meeting. In addition, registration fees for veterinary students are waived for the AAVLD and USAHA meetings. Veterinary students from all U.S. colleges of veterinary medicine are eligible to apply.

[USAHA's](#) 1200 members are state and Federal animal health officials, national allied organizations, and individual members. The organization works with state and Federal governments, universities, research scientists, veterinarians, and others to protect animal and public health, and control livestock diseases in United States and globally. [AAVLD](#) consists of

"It truly is an incredible learning and networking experience, and I hope conference attendance by veterinary students is further encouraged because of its potential to introduce students to areas of veterinary medicine they otherwise would have missed when considering possible careers."

Linda Huang, VMRCVM Class of 2014

more than 1200 members from 35 different countries and seeks to disseminate information relating to the diagnosis of animal diseases, including establishing, improving, and developing new diagnostic techniques.

To apply for an award, veterinary students must submit: 1) a one page essay explaining their interests and experience in diagnostic veterinary medicine or veterinary public practice, their career aspirations, and what they hope to gain by attending the USAHA/AAVLD Annual Meeting; 2) a CV or résumé; and 3) a letter of recommendation from a university faculty member or a veterinarian working in diagnostic veterinary medicine or veterinary public practice.

The Veterinary Student Travel Awards program was developed under a memorandum of understanding between the USAHA/AAVLD and the Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. **The deadline for applications for the [September 29 - October 5, 2011 Annual USAHA/AAVLD Meeting in Buffalo, New York is August 29, 2011.](#)** All application materials must be emailed to: Dr. Valerie Ragan, vragan@umd.edu. For questions, contact Dr. Ragan by email or by phone at 301-314-6820.