

## **VETERINARY STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD 2019 USAHA/AAVLD ANNUAL MEETING**

To promote student interest in careers in **public veterinary practice** and **diagnostic veterinary medicine**, the Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine is soliciting applications for veterinary student attendance at the 2019 United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) annual conference. Several travel awards of \$500 each will be awarded to students interested in veterinary public practice, and several will be granted to students interested in laboratory and diagnostic medicine to offset travel expenses to the annual joint USAHA/AAVLD Meeting on October 24-30, 2019, in Providence, RI. The USAHA/AAVLD has agreed to waive registration fees for veterinary students attending the meeting. **Attendance for the entirety of the conference is not mandatory.**

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 the United States and around the world. AAVLD consists of 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.

The travel awards program was developed under a memorandum of understanding between USAHA, AAVLD and the Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, with an additional generous contribution from TraceFirst.

*"The single greatest aspect of the conference for me was by far the exposure to the breadth of veterinary medicine. I was not only astounded by the many career options available to a DVM, but also incredibly inspired."*  
- 2011 veterinary student attendee

**ELIGIBILITY:** Veterinary students from all U.S. colleges of veterinary medicine

### **TO APPLY, STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT:**

- 1) A one page essay explaining your interests and experience in veterinary public practice and/or veterinary laboratory or diagnostic medicine, your career aspirations, and what you hope to gain by attending the USAHA/AAVLD Annual Meeting
- 2) A CV or résumé
- 3) A letter of recommendation from a university faculty member or a veterinarian.

**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

**Email:** APPLICATION MATERIALS AND/OR DIRECT QUESTIONS TO: DR. VALERIE RAGAN AT [VRAGAN@VT.EDU](mailto:VRAGAN@VT.EDU)