



Interested in a Career in Public Veterinary Practice?

Veterinary Student Travel Awards

To promote student interest in careers in public veterinary practice and diagnostic veterinary medicine, the Veterinary Student Travel Awards program is soliciting applications for veterinary student attendance at the 2015 joint United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) meeting. Up to seventeen competitive \$500 Travel Awards will be granted to students to offset travel expenses to the annual joint USAHA/AAVLD Meeting on October 22-28 in Providence, Rhode Island. **Please note that attendance for the entirety of the conference is not mandatory.** The AAVLD and USAHA have agreed to waive registration fees for veterinary students attending the meeting. 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 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 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*

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
- 3) A letter of recommendation from a university faculty member or a veterinarian.

The Veterinary Student 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. **The deadline for applications for the Annual USAHA/AAVLD Meeting is September 15, 2015.** All application materials must be emailed to: Travis Wingfield at twingfie@umd.edu. For questions about the meeting or application, please contact Mr. Wingfield by email.