***2016 AAVLD Trainee Travel Awards***

The AAVLD is soliciting applications for Trainee Travel Awards for the 2016 AAVLD Annual Meeting in Greensboro, NC. Trainees in a Master’s, PhD or residency program enrolled in all disciplines of veterinary diagnostic medicine are encouraged to apply, including epidemiology, immunology, microbiology (bacteriology, food safety, mycology and virology), molecular diagnostics, parasitology, pathology, and toxicology.

The $1,500 travel awards are intended to help defray the cost of travel and lodging to attend the AAVLD Annual Meeting. The Trainee Travel Awards are funded by the AAVLD Foundation, and are intended to fulfill the recruitment and education mission of the AAVLD Foundation by encouraging trainee excellence in their diagnostic discipline, developing trainee presentation skills (verbal, written, organizational), and promoting networking of trainees with veterinary laboratory diagnosticians. This year, funds are available for up to 12 travel awards.

The first step to apply for an AAVLD Trainee Travel Award is to submit an abstract through the AAVLD electronic abstract submission website:

<https://aavld2016.abstractcentral.com>

When submitting your abstract, there will be a prompt to select for *Trainee Travel Award* consideration. You will then be asked to attach 3 additional documents:

1) A 1-2 page letter stating your role in the work and the significance to veterinary diagnostic medicine of the work presented in the abstract;

2) A 1-2 page biographical data sheet; and

3) A letter or support from your mentor.

**The deadline for receipt of all application materials is June 1, 2016 (the deadline for submission of Annual Meeting abstracts).**

For questions regarding the AAVLD Trainee Travel Awards contact Dr. Francois Elvinger by email at fe65@cornell.edu .