

2017 IAAAM Student Travel Awards

The IAAAM Executive Board will again be granting monetary awards to students planning to deliver **ORAL** presentations at the annual IAAAM conference in May 2017. The awards are intended to defray the cost of travel to the May 20-24 conference in Cancun, Mexico in order to promote student participation in the professional program and to further the commitment of the IAAAM to its students. Moneys will be awarded on a competitive basis, with the goal of supporting as many students as possible. Undergraduate students, Masters and PhD students, veterinary students, veterinary interns/residents, and postdocs are eligible. The requirements for all applicants include the following:

1. A cover letter that describes the future plans of the applicant with regard to aquatic animal medicine.
2. An abstract of the paper to be presented. This abstract must not exceed 500 words in length. Only abstracts will be considered. Abstracts must follow guidelines available on the IAAAM website: www.iaaam.org.
3. Curriculum vitae and two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an active member of the IAAAM.
4. An itemized budget that details the travel expenditures (i.e. airfare, lodging, meals, etc.) and indicates the funds available from student stipends and personal resources.
5. Student presenters must be an active member (with dues paid up-to-date) of the IAAAM, **OR** the student must provide a third, separate letter from the student's institution verifying student, inter/resident, or postdoc status. Students are highly encouraged to become active members of the IAAAM prior to submitting application. Student members are entitled to a lower conference registration rate than non-members.

The Education Member of the IAAAM Executive Board and the Student Liaison Committee will review the applications. Applicants will be ranked according to judgment criteria that will include: the quality of the written abstract (500 words or less), the justification/significance of the work, the complexity of the work relative to the student's academic achievements, and the commitment of the student to aquatic animal medicine. The intent of the Student Liaison Committee and the Executive Board is to fund as many students as possible, beginning with the highest ranked and continuing through the list of ranked applicants until the appropriated funds have been exhausted. No awards will exceed \$500.00. The rankings will be determined from the entire pool of applicants; separate awards for different academic classes of applicants (i.e. undergraduate, graduate, veterinary residents) will not be offered. As the IAAAM wishes to support international involvement in the annual conference, IAAAM may elect to designate an additional travel award for a student international to the country of the conference.

****The deadline for receipt of complete application packets will be January 31, 2017.**** Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Recipients will be contacted by February 17,

2017. **Students submitting abstracts for the travel award competition must still separately submit their presentation abstract for acceptance into the conference proceedings.** The IAAAM Treasurer will be notified and will send checks to the successful applicants.

****Emailed applications will be accepted and are highly encouraged, though portions, such as letters of recommendation, may still be submitted by regular mail.****

Emailed applications should be sent to: studenttravel@iaaam.org

Mailed travel award application materials should be sent to the following address:

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Mystic Aquarium, a division of Sea Research Foundation, Inc.

55 Coogan Blvd, Mystic, CT 06355

(860) 572-5955 X 101 for telephone inquiries related to travel awards

Email (for questions not application materials): atuttle@mysticaquarium.org

****Regardless of how they are sent, all application materials are due by January 31, 2017.****

The following judgment criteria will be used to evaluate applications submitted for the IAAAM student awards:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Points</u>
Abstract (500 words or less)	50
Quality of the written abstract	20
Definition of hypothesis and objectives	5
Justification	5
Design	5
Results or observations	5
Conclusions	5
Complexity and academic achievement	5
Cover Letter	15
Definition of long term goals	15
Curriculum Vitae	15
Commitment to aquatic animal medicine	15
Letters of Recommendation	15
Budget	5
Realistic and justified	5
TOTAL POINTS	100

The Student Liaison Committee and the IAAAM Executive Board welcome this opportunity to assist deserving students.