VAC07

**WORLD HORSE WELFARE UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES 2012**

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS WISHING TO APPLY FOR A WORLD HORSE WELFARE UNDERGRADUATE BURSARY**

Read these Notes very carefully then complete Form VAC06. Separate Notes and Forms are available for **Equine Welfare Project Grants** (VAC02 and VAC03).

World Horse Welfare is a leading international charity that is dedicated to caring for horses. To support its work the charity has an annual budget to fund **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursaries** (see [www.WorldHorseWelfare.org](http://www.worldhorsewelfare.org/)).

1. **World Horse Welfare** **Undergraduate Bursaries** are awarded to encourage the advancement of veterinary education, farriery and equine welfare. The award aims to develop and encourage veterinary and farriery undergraduates to have a greater understanding of both equine welfare and World Horse Welfare’s role. The bursary programme may be undertaken at home or abroad.
2. **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursaries** provide for specialist equine clinical experience for undergraduates in full time veterinary education in the UK or the Republic of Ireland, who have a special interest in equine welfare and who wish to pursue an equine oriented clinical career. One bursary of 4-8 weeks’ duration will be available each year for BSc (Hons) Top up students at the School of Farriery, Myerscough College.
3. The **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursaries** are intended to support third, fourth or final year veterinary students undertaking an equine research project, or an elective of 4-8 weeks’ duration or who wish to pursue the opportunity as part of an approved period of extra-mural study (EMS) for a similar duration. Year 3 veterinary students may apply as part of their integrated bachelor’s degree research project. School of Farriery BSc (Hons) Top up farriery students may apply for a bursary to be taken immediately after the conclusion of their undergraduate degree course.
4. It is recognised that policies with regard to research projects, electives, EMS or farriery project will differ between institutions. All students wishing to apply for a **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursary** must therefore discuss their application with their tutor or other appropriate staff member before submission.
5. All applications for **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursaries** need to be supported by a University Sponsor (normally the Head of School, Head of Department or tutor, as appropriate). It is unlikely that more than one candidate at each veterinary school in the UK and Ireland will be supported annually.
6. Students in equine science or other degree courses (other than the BSc Honours Farriery degree course at the School of Farriery, Myerscough College) are not eligible to apply for **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursaries.**
7. **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursaries** are awarded to individual students not to the institution. They are competitive and the World Horse Welfare’s Veterinary Advisory Committee (VAC) may wish to interview candidates in the selection process.
8. Grants for **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursaries** are intended to cover expenses directly connected with the agreed programme (for further information see the *Terms and Conditions for Equine Welfare Project Grants and Undergraduate Bursaries*). As a guide, the value of a **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursary** will not exceed £3,000, to include travel, accommodation, subsistence, and the costs of any research project to be undertaken during the study period. All expenses must be clearly specified on the application form.
9. World Horse Welfare is committed to keeping the equine veterinary and farriery professions informed about its investment in equine welfare and veterinary medicine, including undergraduate education. Recipients of a **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursary** may therefore be asked to co-operate by providing information for World Horse Welfare publications or web site, or in other ways, such as presenting a report at meetings held under World Horse Welfare’s aegis.
10. Opportunities exist for students to work at one of the World Horse Welfare Rehabilitation centres in the UK or with a World Horse Welfare international training project in a developing country overseas (see [www.WorldHorseWelfare.org](http://www.WorldHorseWelfare.org)). Further information on World Horse Welfare options can be found in VAC 09.
11. **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursaries** are awarded within a competitive evaluation process carried out by the VAC. Selection will be based on the application submitted by the candidate on Form VAC06, the reasons given for the application, and the support provided by the University Sponsor.
12. Please note that part of the objective of these bursaries is to encourage thoughtful applications with careful attention to detail. We believe sufficient information should be available on the Information Sheets provided and on the World Horse Welfare and other relevant websites. Applicants should also consider speaking to previous recipients.
13. Any enquiries must be by email to andrewhiggins@worldhorsewelfare.org not by telephone.
14. World Horse Welfare invites applications for grants for **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursaries** once a year. The deadline for submission is **31st January.** Late applications are not accepted.
15. Applications can only be made using the World Horse Welfare’s application **Form VAC03**. Please send the application in electronic format to Dr Andrew Higgins: AndrewHiggins@WorldHorseWelfare.org together with a signed hard copy by post to Dr Higgins at World Horse Welfare, Anne Colvin House, Snetterton, Norwich, NR16 2LR.
16. Applicants will be notified by March whether their applications have been successful and if there are any conditions the VAC wishes to apply.
17. **Important:** It must be clearly understood that **f**ollowing the completion of a programme funded by a **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursary**, the recipient must provide a report *within 4 weeks of completing the programme*. The report should include a lay summary. High definition photographs (that may be reproduced by World Horse Welfare) should accompany the report and compressed images included within the text. The VAC may ask for further information from the Sponsor.
18. For any further information, further application forms or guidance on making any applications for a **World Horse Welfare Undergraduate Bursary**, please contact Dr Andrew Higgins by e-mail only at AndrewHiggins@WorldHorseWelfare.org.

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