

**MSD ANIMAL HEALTH / WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION  
Veterinary Student Scholarship Program 2017**

*And the selected students are.....*

**PRESS RELEASE**

Over 400 applications from across four world regions were received for the second annual collaborative MSD Animal Health/WVA Veterinary Student Scholarship Program. This year again, the high standard of applications received is a testament to the drive and quality of the soon-to-be new generation of veterinarians across the world. MSD Animal Health and World Veterinary Association are delighted to give back to the global veterinary community by encouraging and enhancing the learning experiences of 41 veterinary students from 27 countries and to provide a scholarship of 5,000 US Dollars to recognize their efforts and academic achievements to date, and to help them progress even further in their veterinary careers.

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Barcelona, Spain.** During the opening ceremony of the 34<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Congress held in Barcelona, Spain, the WVA and MSD Animal Health announced the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veterinary Student Scholarship Program and the names of the 41 selected veterinary students from 27 countries.

The MSD Animal Health and WVA Veterinary Student Scholarship Program is designed to help students to continue their studies by offering direct financial support. The scholarships are awarded directly to the successful candidates, aiding them with their scholastic development. The review of applications considered financial need, academic achievement, engagement of the students with their future career path, leadership potential, and letters of support from their respective veterinary colleges.

The scholarship program was open to second and third year veterinary students who, having completed their first year or two of study, are starting to develop and hone their veterinary interests. Over the application period, the WVA heard from dedicated students across a breadth of veterinary fields; specialization interests included work with a range of species and specialty areas. Many applicants had also taken steps to begin to familiarize themselves for their chosen career paths, including participating in research projects, gaining work experience with local animal charities and veterinary clinics, and volunteering within their local communities to improve conditions for the animals around them.

*“The future of the veterinary profession are the veterinary students”,* said Dr Johnson Chiang, the WVA President. *“By investing and promoting excellent students, the WVA and MSD Animal Health, are promoting and developing further the veterinary profession to ensure that humans, animals, and the environment prosper together”.*



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*“We know that the cost of veterinary education can be a challenge but want to encourage talented students to pursue their dreams,” said Dr. Norman Stewart, MSD Animal Health. “We’re honored to support these recipients, as the work they do throughout their careers will have an important impact on the animal health industry, helping to advance the well-being of both companion and large animals.”*

**Here after the selected 41 veterinary students for the 2017 Veterinary Student Scholarship Program:**

**AFRICA**



**10 GRANTS**

**Kimelle Krishnalall**



**South Africa**

**Daniel Abiliba**



**Ghana**

**Anika de Witt**



**South Africa**

**Toshan Ramlochun**



**Mauritius**

**Bereket Arbeham**



**Ethiopia**

**Ermias Mekonnen**



**Ethiopia**

**Oreoluwa Kehinde**



**Nigeria**

**Ines Jessica Kamdoun**



**Cameroon**

**Salimata Akio**



**Burkina Faso**

**Aminu Abdulsalam**



**Nigeria**

**ASIA/OCEANIA**



**5 GRANTS**

**Jessica Hancock**



**Australia**

**Shreeya Sharma**



**Nepal**

**Kusumita Rao**



**India**

**Alisdair Eddie**



**New Zealand**

**Muhamad Mokhtar**



**Malaysia**



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LATIN AMERICA 16 GRANTS



Alison Castañeda



Ecuador

Guissella Valle Hueck



Nicaragua

Luis Fernando Velasco Ramirez



Mexico

Jessira Amesquita



Peru

Jéssica Gasparotti



Brazil

Daniela Ramírez Prieto



Mexico

Felipe Esteves Da Silva



Brazil

Jackeline Tamires Moreira



Brazil

Sebastian Norabuena



Peru

María Francisca De la Jara Díaz



Chile

Silva Lara Alejandra



Mexico

Marlon Jalil Linares García



Honduras

João V. Godoy Takashe



Brazil

Said Romero Acosta



Honduras

José Alberto Aparicio Chávez



El Salvador

Ángela Patricia Pérez Moreno



Colombia

**NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST**



**10 GRANTS**

**Manel Abdelaziz**



**Algeria**

**Alaa Abd El-Rahman**



**Egypt**

**Shaked Cahanovitch**



**Israel**

**Hila Baum**



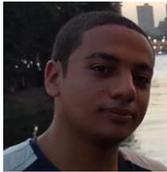
**Israel**

**Aya Hassanen**



**Egypt**

**Ahmed Adbelfatah**



**Egypt**

**Wafae Oufdil**



**Morocco**

**Maya Tasa**



**Israel**

**Abdelhafidh Sebeh**



**Tunisia**

**Miran Abdul Al Mohammed**



**Iraq**

**MSD Animal Health and World Veterinary Association wish to thank all the students who applied and made the scholarship program a great success.**



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### **About World Veterinary Association**

The WVA represents around 500.000 veterinarians around the world through its 95-member associations and is a broad global veterinary community that offers advocacy, support, and education with a variety of partners for focused global veterinary issues. The WVA mission is to assure and promote animal health and welfare and public health globally, through developing and advancing veterinary medicine, the veterinary profession as well as public and private veterinary services. Visit [www.worldvet.org](http://www.worldvet.org), [WVA Facebook](#) page and on [Twitter](#).

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