

## MSD ANIMAL HEALTH / WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION 2020 Veterinary Student Scholarship Program

### PRESS RELEASE

*Greater than 400 applications were received from over 50 countries for the fourth annual MSD Animal Health / World Veterinary Association (WVA) Veterinary Student Scholarship Program. As in previous years, the quality of applications received to the 2020 scholarship program is a testament to the excellence of veterinary education and the promise of budding veterinarians worldwide. MSD Animal Health and the World Veterinary Association are delighted to contribute to the advancement of the global veterinary community through the empowerment of veterinary students. This year, 41 veterinary students were selected from nearly 30 different countries to receive a scholarship of 5,000 US Dollars in recognition of their academic achievements and to aid in the development of their academic and veterinary career.*

**September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, Brussels, Belgium.** WVA and MSD Animal Health are delighted to announce the results of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual MSD Animal Health/WVA Veterinary Student Scholarship Program and the names of the 41 veterinary students selected from the regions of Asia and Oceania, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America.

The MSD Animal Health/WVA Veterinary Student Scholarship Program is designed to aid students in their scholastic development and enable them to continue their education by offering direct financial support. Applications were assessed based on academic achievement, engagement of students with their desired career path, leadership potential, and letters of support from their universities.

*“The WVA is very pleased to announce the winners of the 2020 MSD Animal Health / WVA Veterinary Student Scholarship Program,” said WVA President, Dr. Patricia Turner. “We recognize the challenges that veterinary students around the world are facing because of the global covid-19 pandemic. Through this partnership with MSD Animal Health, we can help to ensure a skilled veterinary profession is available to deal with ongoing global animal and human health issues in the years to come.”*

*“Our ongoing partnership with the World Veterinary Association is a critical way in which we continue to help advance veterinary medicine,” said Edival Santos, DVM, Vice President, Latin America, MSD Animal Health. “Our support of future veterinarians is how we can help to keep the pipeline of talent strong to meet the increased demand for veterinarian services around the world.”*

## AFRICA



**Laryssa Straub**  
*South Africa*



**Patrick Chatatwa**  
*Zambia*



**Esther Kahuuga**  
*Uganda*



**Abdulhakeem Azeez**  
*Nigeria*



**Bridget Mnyalira**  
*Malawi*



**Augustino Shitindi**  
*Tanzania*



**David Naukushu**  
*Namibia*



**Houéfa Dossou-Yovo**  
*Benin*



**Grace Deide Sosu**  
*Ghana*



**N'Djodjimmon Beguem**  
*Togo*

## NORTH AFRICA / MIDDLE EAST



**Ahmed Abbas**  
*Egypt*



**Dor Shwartz**  
*Israel*



**Jaafar Tayeh**  
*Jordan*



**Tal Brender**  
*Israel*



**Issam Fettach**  
*Morocco*



**Wannassi Ncira**  
*Tunisia*



**Rania Aamri**  
*Jordan*



**Yassine Nafia**  
*Morocco*



**Yasmine Tazi**  
*Morocco*



**Khawla Nasfi**  
*Tunisia*

## ASIA / OCEANIA



**Sarah Daphne Foo**  
*Australia*



**Md Arifur Rahman**  
*Bangladesh*



**SeungWook Kim**  
*South Korea*



**Pradip Raj Pant**  
*Nepal*



**Suwaibutal Annisa**  
*Indonesia*

## LATIN AMERICA



**Marcela Aparecida  
Copati Da Silva**  
*Brazil*



**Antonio Garnham Leniz**  
*Chile*



**Francisco Segundo**  
*Uruguay*



**Camila Carvajal  
Kottman**  
*Chile*



**Joseph Ariel Pérez  
Solano**  
*Costa Rica*



**Eunice Licona**  
*Honduras*



**María José Tiffer Castillo**  
*Costa Rica*



**Tashira Graham**  
*Jamaica*



**Mariana Reyes**  
*Nicaragua*



**Constanza Francisca  
Badilla Silva**  
*Chile*



**Tatiana Jiménez Roa**  
*Costa Rica*



**Racquel Oakley**  
*Jamaica*



**Andres Sebastian  
Ramirez Hernandez**  
*Colombia*



**Joaquin Maximiliano  
Grez Grez**  
*Chile*



**Andres Fernando  
Moreno Ortiz**, pictured  
with his late grandfather,  
Leopoldo Moreno Flores  
*Colombia*



**Bermery Morel Ferreiras**  
*Dominican Republic*

*MSD Animal Health and the World Veterinary Association would like to thank all of the veterinary students who submitted an application to the 2020 MSD Animal Health / WVA Veterinary Student Scholarship Program, and who ensure a bright future for the veterinary profession.*

**About the World Veterinary Association (WVA):**

The World Veterinary Association was founded in 1863 when Dr. J. Gamgee convened the first international veterinary congress. This initiative ultimately grew into the WVA as it is known today: a global association representing over 500,000 veterinarians worldwide through its 95 member associations. The WVA continues to build on Dr. Gamgee's ambition to unite veterinarians from around the world to share experiences, exchange ideas, and to unify for the advancement of the veterinary profession. The WVA defends the interest of its member organizations and their general body members, and holds the need for international consonance in veterinary medicine to be self-evident. Disease control and prevention, food safety and security, animal welfare, the availability of medicinal products, and the ecological impact of human and animal health systems, are all issues that necessitate a global approach. Through promotion and practice of the One Health concept, the WVA strives to protect the health and welfare of humans, animals, and the environment. The WVA partners with relevant organizations and authorities to offer advocacy, support, and education on global veterinary issues. For more information, visit [www.worldvet.org](http://www.worldvet.org), or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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