



Humane Slaughter Association

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The Humane Slaughter Association invites applications for funding through its awards and scholarships

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) is inviting applications for this year's Student/Trainee Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarships.

The Scholarships, which were established in 1986 as a memorial to the late Miss Dorothy Sidley, General Secretary to the HSA for 48 years, provide funding to enable students or trainees in the industry to carry out a project which is clearly aimed at improving the welfare of food animals during marketing, transport and slaughter. The project may be carried out as an integral part of a student's coursework over an academic year or during the summer vacation.

HSA's Technical Director, Charlie Mason, said: *"The scholarships exist to encourage those with an interest in research and careers which fall within the remit of the HSA. Applicants are welcomed from students and industry trainees registered at universities or establishments in the UK and those registered outside the UK with a UFAW/HSA University Link person."*

Over 50 Scholarships have been granted since the award's inception, supporting student research across a diverse range of topics, from investigating the welfare of sheep during sea transport to a review of the welfare of pigs during on farm euthanasia and examining links between pre-slaughter handling of cattle and meat quality.

Professor Daniel Mills, who was one of the first to be awarded a scholarship said: *"The HSA award was fundamental to me pursuing my academic interests in animal behaviour and welfare... I never thought of myself as an academic, but this grant showed me that I had the type of enquiring mind and hunger for knowledge which are perhaps the most important attributes of a researcher. The work was published in the Veterinary Record, and the thrill of seeing something published with my name on it has not gone away... I have been extremely fortunate with the opportunities that have come my way, but I can honestly say that I don't think this would have happened without that initial Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarship."*

The deadline for applications is midnight on the 28th February 2020. To apply and for further information on these and other grants that the HSA offers, please see www.hsa.org.uk/grants or contact the HSA office.

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Note to Editors:

The HSA is an independent charity recognised internationally for promoting scientific, technical and educational advances towards improving the welfare of food animals worldwide at slaughter, killing, marketing and transport.

Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

The HSA is funded by voluntary donations, subscriptions and legacies.

For more information about the HSA's work call 01582 831919, email info@hsa.org.uk or visit www.hsa.org.uk

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