

Media Release

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HSA gives advance notice of a research scholarship leading to a degree at the doctorate level

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) has given advance notice that it intends to offer a Research Training Scholarship later this year. Potential applicants will have time to consider ideas for possible projects over the summer before the award is open for application in autumn 2010.

Next year is the HSA's Centenary and, in line with its objective of encouraging high quality science likely to lead to substantial advances in livestock welfare, to mark this milestone the HSA intends to award its first Animal Welfare Research Training Scholarship.

This award is to enable a veterinary or science graduate to undertake a three-year program of research leading to a degree at the doctorate level. Applications will be invited from students registered at UK universities or outside the UK where the university has a UFAW/HSA 'LINK' person (see <u>www.ufaw.org.uk/links-news-events.php</u>).

The research project must have a clear relevance to improving the welfare of farmed food animals in livestock markets, during transport or at the time of slaughter or killing. Concept note application forms will be available from late September 2010 on the HSA website (<u>www.hsa.org.uk</u>) or from the HSA, The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Telephone +44 (0)1582 831919, email <u>info@hsa.org.uk</u>.

The HSA is an independent registered charity that promotes high standards of livestock welfare at markets, during transport and at slaughter through research and technical development, training and educational activities worldwide.

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As an independent registered charity, the HSA is unique in working exclusively to achieve the highest worldwide standards in food animal welfare at markets, during transport and at slaughter through scientific and technical advances, education and training. 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 <u>info@hsa.org.uk</u> or visit www.hsa.org.uk

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