

## Call for Student Travel Award Applications

The IAAAM Executive Board will again be granting monetary awards to students planning to deliver **oral** presentations at the annual IAAAM conference in May 2012. The awards are intended to defray the cost of travel to the May 12-16, 2012 conference in Atlanta, Georgia in order to promote student participation in the professional program and to further the commitment of the IAAAM to its students. Moneys will be awarded on a competitive basis, with the goal of supporting as many students as possible. Undergraduate students, Masters and PhD students, veterinary students, veterinary interns/residents, and postdocs are eligible. The requirements for all applicants include the following:

1. A cover letter that describes the future plans of the applicant with regard to aquatic animal medicine.
2. An abstract of the paper to be presented. This abstract must not exceed 500 words in length. Only abstracts will be considered. Abstracts must follow guidelines available on the IAAAM website: [www.iaaam.org](http://www.iaaam.org).
3. Curriculum vitae and two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an active member of the IAAAM.
4. An itemized budget that details the travel expenditures (i.e. airfare, lodging, meals, etc) and indicates the funds available from student stipends and personal resources.
5. Student presenters must be an active member (with dues paid up-to-date) of the IAAAM, **OR** the student must provide a third, separate letter from the student's institution verifying student, inter/resident, or postdoc status. Students are highly encouraged to become active members of the IAAAM prior to submitting application. Student members are entitled to a lower conference registration rate than non-members.

The Education Member of the IAAAM Executive Board and the Student Liaison Committee will review the applications. Applicants will be ranked according to judgement criteria that will include: the quality of the written abstract (500 words or less), the justification/significance of the work, the complexity of the work relative to the student's academic achievements, and the commitment of the student to aquatic animal medicine. The intent of the Student Liaison Committee and the Executive Board is to fund as many students as possible, beginning with the highest ranked and continuing through the list of ranked applicants until the appropriated funds have been exhausted. No awards will exceed \$500.00. The rankings will be determined from the entire pool of applicants; separate awards for different academic classes of applicants (i.e. undergraduate, graduate, veterinary residents) will not be offered.

**\*\*The deadline for receipt of complete application packets will be February 10, 2012.\*\*** Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Recipients will be contacted by March 12, 2012. **Students submitting abstracts for the travel award competition must still separately submit their presentation abstract for acceptance into the conference proceedings.** The IAAAM Treasurer will be notified and will send checks to the successful applicants.

**\*\*Emailed applications will be accepted and are encouraged, though portions, such as letters of recommendation, may still be submitted by regular mail.\*\***

Emailed applications should be sent to: [studenttravel@iaaam.org](mailto:studenttravel@iaaam.org)

Mailed travel award application materials should be sent to the following address:

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**\*\*Regardless of how they are sent, all application materials are due by February 10, 2012.\*\***

The following judgment criteria will be used to evaluate applications submitted for the 2012 IAAAM student awards:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Abstract (500 words or less)</u></b>		<b>50</b>
Quality of the written abstract	20	
Definition of hypothesis and objectives	5	
Justification	5	
Design	5	
Results or observations	5	
Conclusions	5	
Complexity and academic achievement	5	
<b><u>Cover Letter</u></b>		<b>15</b>
Definition of long term goals	15	
<b><u>Curriculum Vitae</u></b>		<b>15</b>
Commitment to aquatic animal medicine	15	
<b><u>Letters of Recommendation</u></b>		<b>15</b>
<b><u>Budget</u></b>		<b>5</b>
Realistic and justified	5	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

The Student Liaison Committee and the IAAAM Executive Board welcome this opportunity to assist deserving students.