

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 1st 2020, Brussels, Belgium. WVA and MSD Animal Health are delighted to announce the results of the 4th 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, Latin America Regional Manager, MSD Animal Health. “With pet adoptions on the rise amid the pandemic and the ongoing demand for safe, affordable protein, we recognize the imperative role that veterinarians play in our society and are pleased to support their educational pursuits.”

AFRICA



Laryssa Straub
South Africa



Patrick Chapatwa
Zambia



Esther Kahuuga
Uganda



Abdulhakeem Azeez
Nigeria



Bridget Mnyalira
Malawi



Augustino Shitindi
Tanzania



David Naukushu
Namibia



Hovefa 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



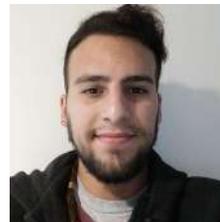
Tatiana Jiménez Roa
Costa Rica



Racquel Oakley
Jamaica



**Andres Sebastian
Ramirez Hernandez**
Columbia



**Joaquin Maximiliano
Grez Grez**
Chile



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



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, or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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About MSD Animal Health:

For more than a century, MSD Animal Health, a leading global biopharmaceutical company, has been inventing for life, bringing forward medicines and vaccines for many of the world's most challenging diseases. MSD Animal Health, a division of Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J., USA, is the global animal health business unit of MSD Animal Health. Through its commitment to the *Science of Healthier Animals*[®], MSD Animal Health offers veterinarians, farmers, pet owners and governments one of the widest ranges of veterinary pharmaceuticals, vaccines and health management solutions and services as well as an extensive suite of digitally connected identification, traceability and monitoring products. MSD Animal Health is dedicated to preserving and improving the health, well-being and performance of animals and the people who care for them. It invests extensively in dynamic and comprehensive R&D resources and a modern, global supply chain. MSD Animal Health is present in more than 50 countries, while its products are available in some 150 markets. For more information, visit www.msd-animal-health.com/ or connect with us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).