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## **Future Leaders Travel Fund to Attend 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Alternatives**

Early-career scientists are invited to apply to the *Andrew Rowan Future Leaders Fund* for travel support to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences (WC11) in Maastricht, the Netherlands from 23-27 August 2020.

The US\$15,000 fund was created by Humane Society family of organizations to support participation by young researchers in the premier global alternatives congress, and to recognize the career contributions of former HSI President and HSUS Chief Scientific Officer Dr Andrew Rowan to advancing the 3Rs in research, testing and education, and to nurturing generations of science-policy thought leaders.

WC11 will feature approximately 60 sessions around the themes of non-animal approaches to safety assessment; disease research; education and training; innovative technologies; and ethics, welfare and regulation. Detailed information regarding the WC11 scientific program is available [here](#).

The application deadline for the *Andrew Rowan Future Leaders Fund* is **7 May 2020**.

Successful applicants will be notified by 14 May.

### **Eligibility and Conditions**

- Any early-career scientist who intends to pursue a career in animal-free research or toxicology is eligible to apply to this travel fund. Early-career scientists are defined as any of the following: Students working towards their master's or PhD who have completed their first year of study; postdoctoral fellows; or scientists less than three years out of a master's, PhD, or postdoctoral program.
- A judging panel chaired by Dr Rowan will select successful applicants based on evidence of their dedication and ability to advance non-animal research or toxicology. Preference will be given to applicants who have submitted a poster or presentation abstract to WC11 and been accepted.
- Successful applicants will be eligible to receive reimbursement for WC11 early-bird registration up to €300, accommodation up to €500 and economy class travel up to €1,500 for intercontinental travel. Successful applicants will be responsible for booking their own travel arrangements. Receipts and proof of attendance at all 5 days of WC11 are strictly required for reimbursement.

- Any expenses not noted above are the responsibility of the applicant (including without limitation meals and beverages outside of the congress, gratuities, incidentals, optional excursions, personal expenses, travel visas and insurance).
- Applicants selected for sponsorship are required to participate in the group photo with Dr Rowan at the HSI-HSUS booth at WC11 and submit, at the time of invoicing, a quote acknowledging sponsorship by the Humane Society family of organizations together with authorization to publish their quote and image online, including without limitation the BioMed21.org and AFSACollaboration.org websites, LinkedIn profiles, Twitter and other social media channels.

### Key Dates

Deadline for submitting an abstract to WC11	15 March 2020
Notification of abstract acceptance	1 May 2020
Deadline for application for Andrew Rowan Future Leaders Fund	7 May 2020
Notification of successful applicants to fund	14 May 2020
Deadline for WC11 early-bird registration	15 May 2020
Congress dates	23-27 August 2020

### How to Apply

Submit the following documents to Dr Marcia Triunfol at [mtriunfol@hsi.org](mailto:mtriunfol@hsi.org) before midnight EST on 7 May 2020:

- A brief résumé of no more than 2 pages
- Proof of WC11 abstract acceptance
- A covering letter of 1000 words or fewer explaining the following:
  - Reasons for your interest in attending WC11 and how you will apply the information learned to replace animal use in your current or future research or testing
  - Whether you are currently using animals in your research and how your attendance at WC11 is likely to affect this
  - Your short- and long-term career goals and how you envision that WC11 will help you achieve those goals
  - How you can share the information learned at WC11 with coworkers or other scientists