Scholarship Workshop

Department of Animal Science
About Campus Scholarships

• One application, many scholarships available
  • You may be eligible for many different pools depending on your major, interest, background, etc.

• Open Now! (Deadline Jan 9)

• 3.25 GPA or higher (Fall grades available Dec 29)

• $100-$2,000 (possibly higher)

• Last year we had 60 students apply and we awarded over $37,000 (ANS specific)
About Department Scholarships

• One application packet per scholarship
• Opens about April, two scholarships may open in February
• Only need to be in good academic standing
  • Can see this on OASIS
• Interest-based (livestock, fish, poultry, genetics)
  • Except for the Companion Animal Scholarship (3.25 GPA)
• $500-$10,000
• Last year 55 students applied and we awarded over $25,000
• Check our website: animalscience.ucdavis.edu/asac/scholarships/
Other Scholarships

- Study Abroad Scholarships
  - $1,000-2,000 available for UC Davis and UCEAP
  - [https://studyabroad.ucdavis.edu/students/finances_scholarships.html](https://studyabroad.ucdavis.edu/students/finances_scholarships.html)

- Educational Enhancement Fund
  - Professional Travel
  - Up to 50% costs covered
  - Deadline: 2 months before travel

- CAES Travel Grants
  - Travel to educational seminars and conferences
  - Deadline: 4 weeks before your requested travel date

- Students Helping Students and UCD Store Award
  - Weareaggiepride.ucdavis.edu
  - Open quarterly, must have exhausted all loans
Outside Scholarships

• Julia Carrington: $10,000
  • Min GPA 3.0
  • Graduated from a high school in Solano County
  • Studying Agriculture
  • See newsletter – offered year round

• California Cattlewomen’s: $1000
  • Min GPA 3.0
  • California high school graduate
  • Studying Agriculture
  • Open to all genders
  • Due beginning of April
  • http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/scholarships/outside/index.html

• Check the newsletters and stop by ASAC!
  • We have outside scholarship info packets for: continuing undergraduate students, graduated students, and students studying abroad
Personal Statement

• What is it?
  • A short essay about why you deserve this scholarship
  • An opportunity for us to get to know you!
    • We have your transcript
  • It must be **memorable**
  • **It is an “intellectual autobiography”**
    • It is about you the individual with distinct backgrounds, interests, motivations, accomplishments, aims and ideas
Personal Statement

DO

• Grab the attention of the reader within the first or second sentence.
• Powerful imagery, or a memorable statement.
• Proofread – this can make all the difference!
  • Reach out
• Clear and Concise 400-500 words
• Have an outline, plan ahead

DON’T

• “Since I was 3, I have always wanted to be a vet.”
• Write your application the night before
• Ask for someone to proofread on the due date
• Handwrite any part of your application
• Casual Language- i.e. don’t, won’t, shouldn’t, slang
• Be angry
Good Examples

The edge of Del Paso Heights seems like an unlikely place for the birth of a career in Animal Science. Yet in spite of the sirens and the warnings not to wander too far, the broken down house pitted between the barrio and the stables was the perfect frame for my future. Fortunately, fourteen year old me wandered in the right direction and found work in the stables down the road in exchange for riding lessons. As my senior project in high school, I would build on that relationship in the stables to provide outreach for kids that needed that extra social boost, giving riding lessons and teaching them responsibility through caring for horses.

My interest in the beef industry was cultivated as I grew up spending summers on my grandmother’s cow/calf ranch in Fairfield, Idaho. We spent many hours walking through the pastures discussing the traits that were important to her production system and the phenotypes that her cows displayed. These early experiences stimulated my interest in pursuing a career as an animal breeder.
Bad examples

I have always wanted to be a vet! Vet school vet school vet school vet school vet school. More stuff about how I want to be a vet. Oh, yeah, and I kind of like animal science because that’s my major, ya know?

I am not that good of a student. But I love animals! I am not strong academically, but drive and passion will carry me through the rest of school.
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STRUCTURE

• Use “spellcheck”
• Use a professional font
• Use paragraphs
• Have a beginning, a middle and an end
• Show some depth, maturity of thought
• Highlight experiences, especially if unique
• Be honest
Letter of Recommendation

• Pick someone who **knows** you!
  • It doesn’t have to be someone from UCD
    • Unless you have been here for more than a year
    • If you completed an ANS 49 and are applying for a scholarship related to the species, your letter should come from the facility manager
  • TA’s can also be appropriate depending on the situation
Other items

• Now is the time to take an ANS 49!

• Poultry & Fish reminder
  • Start with an internship or ANS 49

• Always read the guidelines of your scholarship application
  • Ask if you don’t know!
  • Look for key words or phrases
  • Look online for lists of powerful words

• Resume – keep it to one page!
  • The ICC has a resume workshop – take advantage of the resources on campus
    • http://icc.ucdavis.edu/materials/index.htm

• If you are applying for more than one scholarship:
  • Make sure that your personal statements are different
Career Symposium

• Saturday February 3rd, 2018
• Half-day event
• Breakfast & Lunch will be served
• Alumni speakers (not veterinarians)
• Recruiters
• By RSVP
• Cost: $25.00
  • Scholarships are available
Questions?