**AAVLD Laboratory Staff Travel Awards - 2016**

The AAVLD is soliciting applications for Laboratory Staff Travel Awards for the 2016 AAVLD Annual Meeting in Greensboro, NC. Veterinary diagnostic laboratory staff in any discipline are encouraged to apply, including epidemiology, immunology, microbiology (bacteriology, food safety, mycology and virology), molecular diagnostics, parasitology, pathology, and toxicology.

The $1,500 travel awards are intended to help defray the cost of travel and lodging to attend the AAVLD Annual Meeting. The Laboratory Staff Travel Awards are funded by the AAVLD Foundation. Laboratory staff travel to the AAVLD Annual Meeting is intended to encourage laboratory staff excellence in their diagnostic discipline, promote networking of veterinary laboratorians, and encourage participation in AAVLD committees. This year, funds are available for up to 6 laboratory staff travel awards. In addition, one presentation award in the amount of $500 will be given for the best staff presentation.

To be eligible for the AAVLD Laboratory Staff Travel Award, the applicant must submit an abstract for a poster presentation or oral presentation at the Annual Meeting. The first step is to submit an electronic abstract through the AAVLD abstract submission website:

<https://aavld2016.abstractcentral.com>

When submitting your abstract, there will be a prompt on the “Awards” page to select for *Laboratory Staff Travel Award* consideration. You will then be asked to upload 2 additional documents:

1) A one-page letter stating your role in the work and the significance to veterinary diagnostic medicine of the work presented in the abstract;

2) A one-page letter of support from your laboratory supervisor or director.

**The deadline for receipt of all application materials is June 1, 2016 (the deadline for submission of Annual Meeting abstracts).**

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