

WVS GLOBAL VETERINARY CHALLENGE AWARD

in partnership with the
British Veterinary Association

Key details

- This award is open to veterinary students in the UK
- Entry is as a team (maximum 4)
- Applicants are encouraged to have a supervisor from the university, NGO, or other organisation affiliated with their project proposal.

The Application

Phase one: Applicants will be provided with an application form to submit. Applications open on 12th June 2025 and close on October 14th 2025. Once applications close they will be assessed and shortlisted. Applicants will be contacted in October 2025.

Phase two:

Shortlisted applicants will be matched with a mentor at WVS to help them to develop the project for final submission. The submission date for the final application is 12th April 2026.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

1. **Relevance:** Does it address a critical and deserved animal welfare issue?
2. **Innovation:** Is the approach original and creative?
3. **Feasibility:** Can the project be realistically implemented?
4. **Impact:** What measurable benefits will it bring?
5. **Scalability:** Can the project be replicated or expanded?
6. **Sustainability:** Will it continue to deliver results over time?

Challenge Scope

Proposals must address an **animal welfare challenge** where there is absolute need and currently little or no help. It needs to be a project where we can make a difference and build towards a sustainable positive impact for animal welfare.

- Projects may focus on any species and in any geographical location (although it must be a location in which it is possible to send teams)
- The goal is to make a **transformative impact** on animal welfare through:
 - **Scalability:** The potential to expand and replicate.
 - **Sustainability:** Ensuring long-term success beyond the initial implementation.
- All of our projects at WVS are conducted alongside **operational research** to determine their impact on One Health and animal welfare.
- This project will provide the student with the **opportunity to conduct research in the field for publication**. As such, we welcome students to have a supervisor at their University who might wish to support this endeavour and any subsequent publications which may arise.

Award

- The winning proposal will be granted up to **£100,000** in funding to implement it
- The winning team will work alongside the **WVS team** to bring their vision to life, turning an innovative dream into reality.

Please note:

- WVS is not providing a grant to the students or their collaborative organisation/institution. The project will be managed and implemented by WVS in collaboration with the students and their respective institution.
- The winning team will be given an opportunity to visit a WVS project, this is likely to be the location where their project is taking place, but aspects such as safety, country laws and individual circumstances will be taken into account.
- Due to the volume of applications, we may not be able to provide feedback on all proposed projects.
- Timings may change due to unexpected circumstances; we will notify applicants as soon as possible if this occurs.