



# Global Alliance for Rabies Control World Rabies Day September 28



## Student Internship Competition

### Call for Student Essays:

The Global Alliance for Rabies Control is holding a CDC Internship Essay Competition for veterinary students. A two-week field internship participating in rabies research at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA will be awarded to the winner. Eligible students are current SAVMA members from any of the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine (CVMs) that hosted a World Rabies Day event in 2011.

Eligible CVMs include: **Any US Veterinary School that hosted a World Rabies Day Event.**

### CDC Internship:

The student will have the opportunity to take part in diagnostic, analytic, policy analysis and epidemiologic activities of the Rabies Laboratory and the Division of Global Migration and Quarantine. The internship will be scheduled on mutually convenient dates for host and participant but is expected to take place between May and September 2012. Roundtrip airfare and per diem allowance for food and lodging will be provided.

### Guidelines for Essay Submissions:

The applicant should submit an essay on the role veterinarians play in public health and zoonotic disease prevention and control including a few specific examples as well as prevention tools. A current or recent outbreak example would be of interest. The student should critique key factors that were implemented in control and how this affects future policy. The applicant should also discuss their interest in this area and this internship and why they are interested in World Rabies Day and what it means to them. Applicants may also wish to include any related activities or formal instruction that the student has completed in the areas of public health and/or infectious diseases and other aspects the student would like the review committee to take into consideration.

The essay shall be no longer than 1,000 words, Arial or equivalent 12 point font, and double-spaced; submitted in electronic Word format. The essays will be anonymized and should NOT contain any pictures, identifying location information or school names. Essays that do not adhere to these requirements will not be reviewed. **All essays should be received by 11:59 EST on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012** and will be submitted for ranking to a committee of public health professionals involved in rabies prevention and control. A decision will be announced by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. All questions regarding this call for student essays should be directed to Peter Costa ([peter.costa@worldrabiesday.org](mailto:peter.costa@worldrabiesday.org)) or Dr. Bob Weedon ([robert.weedon@worldrabiesday.org](mailto:robert.weedon@worldrabiesday.org)).

"My experience with the rabies team at the CDC provided insight into developing emergency response protocols and conducting risk assessment - tools that will benefit me greatly in my future career!"

Cassie Wedd, VMRCVM, Class of 2013  
2011 CDC Rabies Intern

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## Student Internship Competition Application

For the submission of an essay for the CDC Internship Competition, please submit this cover form including contact information for a reference, and the body of your essay via electronic Word document to:

Peter J. Costa, MPH, CHES  
Director, Global Communications  
Global Alliance for Rabies Control  
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Please provide the following:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CVM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Class of:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information for a previous or current instructor or supervisor who is available to provide a reference for the applicant regarding the applicant's professional interest and training is required to accompany the essay.

Please provide the name and contact information of an instructor or supervisor whom we could contact about your professional interest and training.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**How long has this person known you?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**In what capacity?** \_\_\_\_\_