



ICLAS VISITING GRANT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN LABORATORY ANIMAL SCIENCE IN EUROPE – LETTER TO POTENTIAL SPONSORS

Dear colleague,

The European Regional Committee (ERC) of the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS) offers Visiting Grants in laboratory animal science (<https://iclas.org/regional-fellowship-training-program/>). The Grants are available to individuals belonging to European ICLAS member organisations and especially to applicants in European countries/areas in the process of developing modern standards of animal care.

The objective of the Grants is to enable recipients to acquire new knowledge and/or technical competences in the care and use of laboratory animals. This can be achieved in one of the host institutions proposed by ICLAS or in an institution proposed by the applicant.

ICLAS would like to invite you to sponsor this program. Sponsorship can be made available for one particular year (i.e. 2024) or for longer periods of time. The amount and duration are at the sponsor's discretion. The ICLAS European Regional Committee is responsible for the election of grantees and host institutions.

Grants are awarded for people who want to develop animal care or research role in the field of LAS (e.g. technician, animal facility manager, animal welfare officer, veterinarian, animal user scientist).

Preference is given to individuals who otherwise would not have access to funding for international travel and experience in activities of this kind.

The grant will cover the costs of transportation, accommodation, meals, and incidental expenses (the grant will not cover tuition fees). The total of the grant shall not exceed 2.000 €.

Grants can be covered by one or several sponsors. For instance, one sponsor can decide to sponsor fully a Grant up to 2.000 euros for one or more years or another sponsor can donate a fixed sum for one or more years to cover part of one Grant.

The grantees are required to submit to ICLAS a short report on the visit within 4 weeks after their stay, that will be published in the ICLAS website if agreed by the grantee and the host institution.

ICLAS makes public the names of the sponsors in the website and in all public presentations on ICLAS activities (unless the sponsor does not want).

We hope that you will be interested in being part of this successful programme which has been operating since 2013 and contact: erc@iclas.org.