The Tufts Initiative for Human-Animal Interaction (TIHAI) at the Center for Animals and Public Policy is currently accepting proposals for the 2023 Human-Animal Interaction (HAI) Student Scholars Program. The mission of TIHAI is to promote the health, strengths, and well-being of humans and animals through transdisciplinary partnerships that foster innovative research, education, and service programs in human-animal interaction. The HAI Student Scholars program will accept requests for funding events, projects, and programs related to HAI in the realms of research, education, and service. Projects may be geared towards activities that benefit people, animals, or both, although activities that benefit both will be given priority. Proposals that involve harm or stress to animals will not be considered. Topics may be related to any area of HAI, such as animal policy, science and engineering education, pet ownership, animal-assisted therapy, and others. Funding will be considered for individual students or a group of students, though all applications require at least one Tufts University faculty or staff mentor. Applications from graduate or undergraduate students from all Tufts campuses are welcomed, and cross-campus collaborations are highly encouraged.

Deadlines: The 2023 TIHAI Scholars Program will accept applications due June 1. Please submit all application materials via email to hai@tufts.edu. Applicants will be notified about funding decisions by July 1.

Project Description:
Applicants should provide a project description of no more than 1,000 words. The application should include:

1. Detailed description of your proposed event/project/program including:
   - Goals and objectives
   - Project activities and expected outcomes
   - Relevance to an important topic in the field of human-animal interaction
   - Potential impact of project on humans and/or animals
   - If applicable, documentation of planned procedures for obtaining appropriate animal use approvals (i.e., Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee or Clinical Studies Review Committee) and human subjects research approvals (i.e., Institutional Review Board) for projects involving research.

2. Project timeline, including start and end dates of your proposed project, project milestones, and deadlines for each milestone. Projects with realistic timelines will be given funding priority.

3. Identification of faculty/staff mentor

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Project Budget:
Applicants may apply for up to $500 in funding. The budget is not considered part of the 1,000 word application. Please include a project budget document (1 page maximum) that addresses the following:

- State how much funding you are requesting
- Identify and justify items that will be covered by the requested funding
- List other funding sources (if any) and the amounts requested that may also contribute to this project

Timeline and Deliverables:
Projects must be completed prior to June 1, 2024. Student Scholars will be asked to provide a 1-page summary of their project activities, as well as a Scholar Spotlight to be showcased on the TIHAI website (see examples at http://hai.tufts.edu).

Contact Information:
If you have questions about the application process, contact the Tufts Initiative for Human-Animal Interaction at hai@tufts.edu.

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