



### **AS-ET Trustees Funding Policy 2015 - 2016**

The objects of the Animals in Science Education Trust is to advance education and promote excellence in the care and welfare of animals used in science. We seek to do that in a number of ways including providing bursaries, grants and prizes to advance education and research.

The section of the public who will receive our funding are technicians and technologists, laboratory animal scientists, veterinary surgeons and others concerned with the care and welfare of animals used in science.

Animal technicians and technologists form the largest group of people concerned with the care and welfare of animals used in science. They are also the group who spend their whole of their working time in close contact with the animals and are therefore in a primary position to influence their care and welfare.

In our judgement currently there is a need to increase the number of animal technicians entering and completing further and higher education courses in laboratory animal science and technology to ensure sufficient highly qualified staff to run scientific procedure establishments and advance animal care and welfare.

For these reasons we have decided that we should give priority to funding applications from animal technicians and technologists.