



Scoring Rubric

Established Investigator, First Award & Pilot Study Proposals

Established Investigator Awards: Funding for research by individuals and teams with a previous record of research and publication

First Awards: Funding for research to assist new faculty in establishing a successful research program

Pilot Study Awards: Funding for innovative, potentially high risk/high reward ideas to accelerate discovery and advance the science of animal health

Categories	Scoring Range
Scientific Merit: Quality of hypotheses & objectives, experimental design & methods, data analysis and preliminary data (if applicable). Ability of the proposed research to affect the problem addressed.	0-5 pts
Potential Impact (Significance): Importance of the study in solving a significant animal health issue, irrespective of scientific merit.	0-5 pts
Attainability of Objectives: Likelihood that the objectives can be completed in the given timeline; independence of objectives; adequacy of expertise, facilities and equipment.	0-2 pts
Grantsmanship: Clarity and organization of writing and adherence to guidelines.	0-2 pts
Appropriateness of Budget: Justification and suitability of proposed budget.	0-1 pts