



December 22, 2009

**REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS (RFP)**  
**PFIZER ANIMAL HEALTH–MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION**  
**VETERINARY FELLOWSHIP FOR ADVANCED STUDY**

**DEADLINE: March 3, 2010, 11:59 p.m. EST**

Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) grant applications have two components: an online form and a full proposal attachment. To successfully submit an application, please complete the following:

1. The online form (instructions below).
2. Attach the proposal document (guidelines below) to your online form.

**Note: Applications *must* be submitted by the academic partner (i.e., institution). Individuals cannot submit for this award.**

**ATTENTION: Once your application is submitted, it cannot be changed. Please review carefully before clicking “Submit.”**

**Online Form Instructions:**

To start a **NEW** online application, click the link below. You will be taken to MAF’s MAF-PAH Fellowship online application form (you will need to set up an account unless you already have one).

**NEW** online application: [https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID\\_945?SA=SNA&FID=35026](https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_945?SA=SNA&FID=35026)

**NOTE:** Once you have started your online application, you will be given the option to save it and finish it later. If the **NEW** online application link is accessed more than once, you will be creating more than one online application. In the event that you inadvertently create more than one application, multiple applications will be shown on your account page. Please delete all but the most recent application and select the latest version to continue your current application.

To **CONTINUE** (modify/change) an **EXISTING** (in process) online application, click the link below:  
[https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID\\_945?SA=AM](https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_945?SA=AM)

**NOTE:** The above links will redirect to a host Web site and, as a result, cannot be added as a bookmark or favorite in your Web browser.

**Proposal Guidelines:**

Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) is currently funding approximately 200 health studies that benefit companion animals and wildlife around the world. Pfizer Animal Health (PAH) is a leading research-based producer of veterinary vaccines and pharmaceuticals. To continue these efforts into the future, MAF and PAH recognize the need to increase the number of veterinary researchers that can advance animal health and welfare. Along with

PAH, MAF is announcing an RFP to address the growing shortage of veterinary researchers by giving established scientists and veterinarians financial support to pursue a veterinary degree or PhD, respectively. The essential elements would include the following:

1. MAF, PAH and the academic partner will work together to provide training to the following individuals:
  - a. Exceptional individuals, already possessing a PhD, who desire to become veterinarians (academic partner must be an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)-accredited college/school of veterinary medicine), or
  - b. Exceptional individuals, already possessing a veterinary degree, who desire to obtain a PhD (veterinarians must be graduates of an AVMA-accredited college/school of veterinary medicine)
  - c. Individuals of either type (a or b) will need to demonstrate their commitment to a career for advancing animal health/welfare
2. Funding will be provided by MAF, PAH and the academic partner (\$20K/year from each partner; \$60K/student/year for 4 years)
  - a. The academic partner will be a bona fide financial partner — providing direct funds or tuition/fees that would equate to \$20K
  - b. The academic partner must verify that this partnership will indeed increase the number of veterinary researchers being trained at their institution (i.e., funds will not be used to replace existing remuneration to students/projects). Institutions must document that this award would allow for a *new* position in the program; the individual cannot already be admitted to the program.
  - c. MAF will contract with the student and university (up to four students will be funded through this program)
    1. Funds will be returned by the student if he or she does not remain in research for at least four years following graduation This is defined as working in academia, industry, etc. While we recognize that few positions are 100 percent research, the spirit of this award is to create new researchers; thus, positions where most of the work is in research are preferred.
    2. The contract and commitment will be for a total of four years, assuming normal progress through the professional veterinary program or research program
  - d. The academic partner will enroll students by fall 2010
3. The academic partner will provide well-mentored research activities for the student, focusing on either basic or applied research. Research activities will be those designed to improve the health/welfare of companion animals (e.g., dogs, cats, horses) or wildlife
  - a. PhDs entering a veterinary program will participate in an 8- to 12-week research project at the corporate sponsor's research facility in Kalamazoo, Mich., timing to be determined by the student, academic partner and PAH
    1. Students will also be involved in both clinical medicine and research during their veterinary curriculum
    2. These students will not replace an existing veterinary student but would be added to a veterinary class (so as not to detract from other critical needs in the veterinary profession)
    3. PhD students will be those with prior work that is relevant for advancing animal health/welfare
  - b. DVM/VMDs entering a research program will participate in an 8- to 12-week research project at the corporate sponsor's research facility at Kalamazoo, Mich., timing to be determined by the student, academic partner and PAH
    1. Research training could proceed at any center recognized for exceptional science that addresses the future needs of animal health
    2. It is understood that the precise project may not be identified at entry; however, the strength of a relevant program may need to be justified

4. All research activities throughout the program must ascribe to MAF animal welfare policy and the Pfizer corporate animal welfare policy
5. The successful program will be evaluated on the strength of the applicant, relevancy of prior training/experience to meet future goals and the track record of the academic institution in overall research. The successful academic institution will need to demonstrate a strong commitment to animal welfare in its research activities.

Please take a moment to review Frequently Asked Questions about this program: [Click here](#)

**Deadline for responding to the RFP is March 3, 2010, 11:59 p.m.: Two pages addressing how the university could meet the aforementioned goals/objectives**

- a. **Selected academic partner(s) to submit full proposal by May 5, 2010**
- b. **Successful academic partner(s)/fellows announced by July 1, 2010**
- c. **Students to begin program by fall 2010**