

# MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION GRANT CATEGORIES

**1. ESTABLISHED INVESTIGATOR (ID# 1-100S):** These awards are for experienced researchers with a record of research publication. The maximum duration for an Established Investigator award is three years. There is no budget limit, however the average Established Investigator award is \$50,000 per year for two years.

**2. FIRST AWARD (ID# 300S):** First Award Grants offer new investigators opportunities early in their career by providing seed funding for up to two years as a principal investigator.

**Qualifications of Applicant:** Applicant must have a DVM and/or PhD and a full-time permanent position in a university, accredited zoo or conservation organization. Applicant must provide a letter documenting his or her full-time permanent status from the institution's dean, department head or equivalent. Applicant must **not** have received previous funding as a principal investigator for more than \$20,000 for any single extramural award. Previous funding as a co-investigator is acceptable. *Individuals currently in a residency are not eligible for this award.*

**\*Funding is limited to two years at \$50,000 maximum per year (personnel and supplies) plus maximum of 8 percent indirect costs (maximum annual award is \$54,000).**

**3. FELLOWSHIP TRAINING (ID# 400S):** Fellowship Training Grants provide salary support for training opportunities that will produce biomedical scientists (veterinarian and/or PhD) committed to a career in companion animal and/or wildlife research. Applicants are paired with a research mentor for this award.

**Qualifications of Applicant:** Applicants must have a DVM or PhD and be in a pre- or postdoctoral research program. The Fellow cannot have completed more than two (2) years of full-time postdoctoral research training on the proposed project. Applicant should provide a letter from his or her department chair or dean of research that documents the applicant's appointment as a full-time graduate student or postdoctoral research associate. Successful candidates should have completed the majority of coursework and be able to devote at least 75 percent of their time to the funded research. Applicants in a clinical residency or with clinical service requirements are not eligible.

**\*Funding is limited to two years of salary support (only) up to a maximum of \$50,000 per year (inclusive of benefits and a maximum of 8 percent indirect costs). Tuition is not supported by this award.**

**4. VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARS (ID# 600S):** The Veterinary Student Scholars Program awards stipends\* up to \$5,000 to veterinary students who are selected by their institution to participate in clinical or basic animal health and/or welfare research. The program is open to currently enrolled veterinary students in good standing from any accredited US college, university or school of veterinary medicine.

**Qualifications of Applicant:** Students enrolled in a combined DVM/PhD degree program are not eligible for this program. Students must devote a minimum of 50 percent of their time to the project for the equivalent of a 10- to 12-week period.

**\*Veterinary Student Scholar awards from Morris Animal Foundation are stipends, and funds awarded are for the sole purpose of supporting the student during the research period and are not eligible to be used for project expenses.**

**5. PILOT STUDY (ID# 800S):** These grants provide funding for innovative ideas to accelerate discovery and advance Morris Animal Foundation's mission. Preliminary data are not required to successfully compete for a pilot study grant. Pilot studies must meet the following criteria:

- **Budget:** Up to \$10,800 (\$10,000 plus 8 percent for indirect costs).
- **Duration:** One year
- **Eligibility:** All investigators are eligible to apply. An investigator can serve as principal investigator (PI) on only one Morris Animal Foundation pilot study per year.