



# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

for Animal Health Researchers & Veterinary Students

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# OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING ANIMAL HEALTH

Morris Animal Foundation is one of the world's largest funding sources for animal health research, helping more species in more places than any other nonprofit organization. We believe investing in the best science and scientists will help all animals have longer, healthier lives. We invite you to apply for a grant and perhaps add Morris Animal Foundation-funded Investigator to your list of prestigious accomplishments.





## WHAT WE FUND

Morris Animal Foundation's core research programs are divided into three areas:



### **SMALL COMPANION ANIMAL**

Cats & Dogs

### **LARGE COMPANION ANIMAL**

Equine Species & Camelids



### **WILDLIFE**

Including Exotic Pets

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## WHO WE FUND

We encourage scientists from around the world and at every stage of their career to explore our grant opportunities. Our unbiased, rigorous approach to study selection is respected throughout the animal health community.



## GRANT CYCLE

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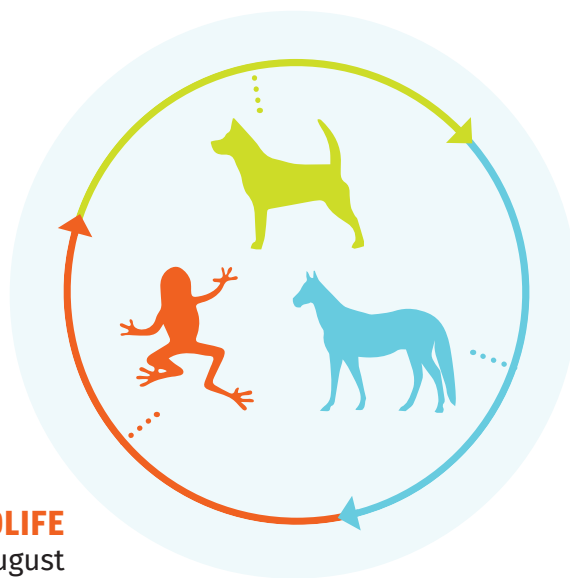
Specific grant due dates for funding opportunities are posted at [morrisanimalfoundation.org](http://morrisanimalfoundation.org). The Foundation also may request grant submissions for special funding opportunities that fall outside our normal funding cycles. Each grant area has a separate Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) ANNUAL CALENDAR



#### SMALL ANIMAL

RFP Released: December  
Proposals Due: March  
Final Decision: June



#### LARGE ANIMAL

RFP Released: April  
Proposals Due: July  
Final Decision: October

#### WILDLIFE

RFP Released: August  
Proposals Due: November  
Final Decision: March

# GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS

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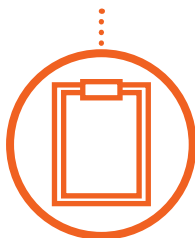
Researchers submit grant proposals online

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Each abstract is reviewed by 5 SAB members

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Proposals also are reviewed internally for adherence to guidelines\*

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Full proposals that pass abstract and internal review are assigned to 2 SAB members

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Reviewers present evaluations to SAB at annual meeting

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Based on scores, SAB recommends projects for funding

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Board of Trustees approves funding for studies

\*Proposal guidelines are strictly enforced; deviations from guidelines will result in immediate disqualification of a project from further consideration.

## GRANTS ARE JUDGED & SCORED ON:

- Scientific merit
- Potential impact in solving a significant animal health issue
- Attainability of objectives
- Appropriateness of budget
- Grantsmanship, including clarity and organization of writing and adherence to guidelines

## ABSTRACTS:

A strong application requires a clear and compelling scientific abstract. The abstract must adequately describe the impact of the study as well as thoroughly describe your approach or methods to meet your objectives. Initial review score is based on the scientific abstract.



## SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARDS:

To ensure the integrity, innovative spirit and academic soundness of funded studies, the Foundation's three independent Scientific Advisory Boards guide study selection. Each board is comprised of established researchers and respected animal health experts from a variety of academic disciplines that reflect the changing landscape of animal health. Members are volunteers who serve four-year terms.

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## AWARD TYPES

**ESTABLISHED INVESTIGATOR:** Awarded to researchers with an established record of research and publications.

**FIRST AWARD:** Offered to veterinary and/or doctoral investigators who, with the guidance of their mentor, wish to establish long-term careers in companion animal or wildlife health science. First awards support the recipient's first study as the principal investigator.

**PILOT STUDY:** Provides funding for innovative ideas to accelerate discovery and provide data to support and refine further research efforts.

**FELLOWSHIP TRAINING:** For doctoral students or postdoctoral researchers interested in becoming biomedical scientists in companion animal or wildlife health. Fellowships provide salary support for training opportunities under the guidance of an experienced mentor.

**VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLAR:** Gives veterinary students the opportunity to participate in clinical or basic animal health research. Institutions select their students based on academic standing, endorsement from a responsible mentor, and proposed research project consistent with the Foundation's guidelines.

**“For many years, Morris Animal Foundation has been the leader in funding research for the sake of animal health. Without the Foundation, we wouldn’t be where we are today in companion animal medicine.”**

**DR. KATE MEURS,** North Carolina State University  
Morris Animal Foundation-funded Investigator

## INVESTING IN THE BEST SCIENCE

Morris Animal Foundation grants are highly competitive. Many more proposals are received each year than are ultimately funded. The need for animal health funding continues to grow and applicants, to be successful, must familiarize themselves with our available funding opportunities and guidelines posted on our website before submitting a grant request.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit [morrisanimalfoundation.org/grants](http://morrisanimalfoundation.org/grants) to submit an online application. Guidelines and deadlines are strictly enforced.



## BY THE NUMBERS

2017 Funding Cycle  
Numbers Vary from Year to Year

### SMALL ANIMAL

**210** Proposals Received  
**80** Proposals Given  
Full Review  
**16** Studies Recommended  
for Funding

### LARGE ANIMAL

**82** Proposals Received  
**79** Proposals Given  
Full Review  
**11** Studies Recommended  
for Funding

### WILDLIFE

**168** Proposals Received  
**78** Proposals Given  
Full Review  
**16** Studies Recommended  
for Funding

Research is essential to improving the health and well-being of the animals that share our planet. From the cats and dogs we call family, to our wild brethren in the skies, seas, forests and plains – since 1948 Morris Animal Foundation has been committed to their health.



For additional information on our grants program and to view currently funded studies, visit the “Grants” section of [morriscanalfoundation.org](https://morriscanalfoundation.org) or email [grantapplications@morriscanalfoundation.org](mailto:grantapplications@morriscanalfoundation.org).

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