

SCORING RUBRIC

ESTABLISHED INVESTIGATOR, FIRST AWARD, & PILOT STUDY PROPOSALS

ESTABLISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

Funding for research by teams with a previous record of research and publication.

FIRST AWARDS

Funding for research to assist early-career investigators in establishing a successful, mentored research program.

PILOT STUDY AWARDS

Funding for innovative, potentially high-risk/high-reward ideas to accelerate discovery and where successful, support larger applications.

Scientific Merit

Quality of hypotheses and objectives, independence of objectives, experimental design and methods, data analysis and preliminary data (if applicable). Ability of the proposed research to answer the hypotheses and affect the problem addressed.

1.0 - 5.0 pts

Potential Impact

Importance of the study in solving a significant animal health or welfare issue or closing a critical knowledge gap. Clear strategy for achieving project outcomes, benefits for non-academic stakeholders and strength of stakeholder engagement.

1.0 - 5.0 pts

Proposal Quality

Attainability (likelihood of completion in the given timeline, adequacy of expertise, facilities and equipment), grantsmanship, and appropriateness of the budget.

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