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 wider welfare issue, 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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