



**AMERICAN BOARD OF VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS FOUNDATION  
RESEARCH GRANTS  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2023**

The American Board of Veterinary Practitioners Foundation (ABVPF) was created to advance and elevate the health and well-being of animals. The ABVPF offers grants up to \$10,000 supporting clinical research projects involving animals conducted by veterinarians. One grant will be awarded in 2023.

**Types of Proposals**

The ABVPF encourages submission of all types of proposals concerning animal health and disease. However, research projects of an applied nature that will rapidly solve problems seen in clinical practice are preferred.

**Purpose**

The purpose of these grants is to support veterinary practitioners in undertaking a clinically-relevant research project within the scope of their practice. Any veterinarian holding a license to practice veterinary medicine in any US state or territory is welcome to apply. In judging between proposals of similar merit, preference will be given to proposals from veterinarians seeking specialty recognition (e.g., interns, residents, veterinarians seeking ABVP credentialing, etc.). Projects can be completed by individuals or teams. Each person can only submit one proposal as principal investigator but can be listed as a co-investigator in several proposals.

**Grant cycle and review of proposals**

Grants are offered once a year. The objectives of the proposals must be accomplished in 12 months. Proposal must be submitted using the adequate form<sup>1</sup> via email to the ABVPF at [info@abvp.com](mailto:info@abvp.com) by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on March 15, 2023. Proposals will be first ranked by the Board of the ABVPF for clinical practice relevance. Top ranking proposals will then be reviewed by at least two experts in the area of the proposal based on the criteria outlined in the table below. Expert reviewers will be identified by members ABVPF Board. The ABVPF Board will make the final award decision by majority vote. The members of the ABVPF Board are not allowed to be part of the research team of any proposal.

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<sup>1</sup> Form available at the ABVPF website: <https://abvp.com/about/abvp-foundation/>

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b><u>Significance</u></b> <i>The extent to which the project addresses an important problem in the field of clinical practice and how will clinical practice be improved</i>	20
<b><u>Investigator(s) qualifications and experience</u></b> <i>The extent to which the research team is well-suited to the project and whether access to all the required expertise/mentorship is guaranteed.</i>	10
<b><u>Methodology and scientific merit</u></b> <i>The extent to which the methods, analyses, and data management proposed are well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the aims of the project; as well as whether potential problems/pitfalls and valid alternative strategies are proposed.</i>	35
<b><u>Budget</u></b> <i>The extent to which the budget is appropriate and adequate for addressing the proposed objectives.</i>	10
<b><u>Site suitability</u></b> <i>The extent to which the institutional/practice/production site support, equipment, physical, and animal resources are adequate for the proposed project</i>	15
<b><u>Impact on principal investigator's career</u></b> <i>The extent to which the proposed project has a potential to have a significant impact on the principal investigator's efforts in exploring, seeking, or renewing species-specific board certification.</i>	10

Applicants will be notified of the outcome via e-mail. Successful applicants will receive the award amount in two instalments. The first 80% of the award funds will be transferred upon notification of the successful outcome. Results of the studies are expected to be presented in the research summaries at an ABVP Annual Symposium or, with approval from the ABVPF, another conference of similar national caliber. Hence, 20% of the granted funds will be withheld until the results are presented and a written report submitted to the ABVPF Board.

### **Proposals**

Proposals must be submitted on the form available on the website at <https://abvp.com/about/abvp-foundation/>. Instructions are included in the form, but it is important to realize that not all the ABVPF Board members will be familiar with the technical aspects of your research and, therefore, the abstract must be written in language common to clinical medicine and must point out the relevance of the research to advancing and elevating the health and well-being of animals.

The monetary award will be made to the institution/practice where the principal investigator (clinician) is employed. Either the principal investigator or a co-investigator must have a continuing appointment. If the principal investigator is not on a continuing appointment, the co-investigator must agree to complete the research should the principal investigator leave the institution.

### **Budget**

The maximum award of each grant is \$10,000. Supplies and costs must be itemized and justified based on the experiments performed. Salary replacement for veterinarians, researchers, or graduate students, indirect costs, or equipment costing more than \$500 **will NOT** be supported.

If the ABVPF grant provides only a part of the total cost of the project, the proposal must explain the other sources of funding and how the ABVPF funds are essential to the project. If the objectives of the proposal cannot be achieved as originally proposed, the ABVPF must be notified so that a decision can be reached on the disposition of the remaining grant funds.

### **Humane care of animals**

In making funding decisions, the ABVPF will consider the humane care of animals being used in investigations. If required for the type of project proposed, approval from an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee must be provided before any money is transferred to the institution. Any infraction of and/or deviation from specified standards of care and humane treatment will result in immediate withdrawal of grant money and the ABVPF Board reserves the right to request reimbursement of any grant money already awarded.

### **Funding acknowledgement**

The contribution of the ABVPF must be acknowledged in any publication or presentation resulting from the work supported. The ABVPF insists on recognition for its contribution to publications and presentations even if it provides only a portion of the total budget.

### **Submission of proposals**

Proposal must be received by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on March 15, 2023, at [info@abvp.com](mailto:info@abvp.com). The submission of one proposal implies the acceptance of all the rules of the current call. Funding decisions by the ABVF Board are final and not subject to appeal. Questions may be addressed to the ABVP Office at [info@abvp.com](mailto:info@abvp.com).