**2022 CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS**

Research grant application deadline is **Monday, December 13, 2021, by 11:59 pm EST.**

Awards will be announced by mid-May 2022. Application Format, Checklist and Guidelines can be found on our website [HERE](#).

- The maximum grant amount is $35,000. Multi-year proposals totaling more than $35,000 will not be considered. Continuation of studies funded in previous years will be considered and requests should follow the format as outlined below.
- Projects should have discrete and achievable goals within the $35,000 limit. They must demonstrate their relevance or benefit to improving feline health, particularly regarding domestic cats.
- Applicants may be veterinary researchers, faculty veterinarians, post-doctoral fellows, practicing veterinarians or veterinary students.
- New Feline Investigator Grant Awards are also available as described below.

*Please Note:
Studies applicable to all cats and all aspects pertaining to feline health are encouraged, including shelter medicine and behavior.*

We have dedicated research funds for feline infectious peritonitis, (Bria Fund) and heart disease (Ricky Fund).

Current breed specific dedicated funds are also available for:
- Norwegian Forest Cat and Persian hypertrophic cardiomyopathy studies
- Birman heart disease studies
- Abyssinian-related health issues
- Amyloidosis in Siamese and Oriental Shorthair–related breeds.

Additional dedicated research funding for cats is available related to:
- Inflammatory disease or cancer of the liver, pancreas and intestinal tract (Speckles and Kitty Kollar Fund)
- Chronic kidney disease and related hypertension disorder

**ABOUT EVERYCAT HEALTH FOUNDATION**

EveryCat Health Foundation, a non-profit organization established in 1968, advances feline health by supporting groundbreaking research and education. Its work worldwide has funded nearly $8 million in cat health research at more than 30 partner institutions. Efforts are made possible through the generosity of dedicated donors and collaborators. Research supported by EveryCat Health Foundation helps veterinarians by providing groundbreaking research that improves treatment of common feline health problems and prevents many diseases.
The proposal must include the following information in the order listed:

I. Cover Page (maximum one page)

You MUST use the cover page template provide HERE.

- Include the title of the proposed study.
- Name, institution, email, and regular mailing address of all primary investigators and a list of co-investigators.
- Agency/Institution, mailing address, institution’s EIN Number (US applicants only), grant administrator name/email for the agency to which the grant would be payable.
- Amount requested.
- Signature of the principal investigator and appropriate grant administrator.

II. Scientific Summary (maximum 250 words)

III. Lay-language Abstract (maximum 250 words)

IV. Continuation Studies (maximum 3 pages): If the proposal is a continuation of an EveryCat funded study, include a progress report of the current study.

V. Study Proposal (maximum 3 pages, not including references):

- Background (including preliminary data) that clearly addresses study objectives and hypotheses.
- Include precise reasons for experimental design, number of animals needed, expected outcome, possible limitations to study and alternative approaches. A table outlining and explaining abbreviations used in the proposal is recommended.
- It is highly recommended that a statistician be consulted during the design of the study. A thorough description of data analysis must be included in the methods section, including sample size calculations. For power analysis, describe how it was performed and reference the data used for assumptions in the analysis.
- Applicants using client-owned animals must document that the institutional caseload is adequate to provide the number of animals per year needed to complete the study as proposed.
VI. Timeline (maximum one page): Provide a detailed estimate of time to complete the work.

VII. Itemized Budget with Justification (maximum one page):
- The final numbers on the budget page must match the amount requested on the cover page. Include a list of any other current sources of funding and/or related grants requested.
- Applicant must provide an estimate on how much time each investigator will spend on the project, as well as their role.
- Indicate and justify a percent effort on this grant for all individuals, such as technicians, graduate students, etc. for whom funds are requested.
- The Foundation does not fund salaries of investigators, major equipment expenditures, travel, publication, or indirect costs. **Salaries, supplies, and animal care costs not justified may be deleted from the budget.**


If applicable, provide a description of the animal care unit at the investigator’s facility, including certifications held (such as IACUC guidelines), and plans for maintenance of animals during and after the study (maximum 1 page). Humane treatment of animals is of utmost importance to EveryCat Health Foundation and will be reviewed closely.

IX. References (maximum 2 pages): Include complete pertinent literature references. All references should include full citations including titles.

X. Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 pages each): Provide curriculum vitae for every primary investigator.

XI. Consent Forms and Questionnaires: If applicable, studies requiring client consent or questionnaires must include the proposed consent form and questionnaires as examples.

**PUBLICATIONS and PROGRESS REPORTS:**

Investigators receiving a grant award are REQUIRED to credit EveryCat Health Foundation in all publications arising from this research. Copies of all publications arising from this project should be submitted to the Foundation on or before the time of publication.

A progress report of the funded project is REQUIRED every January 10th following the receipt of the grant award until the final project report is submitted.

Failure to submit progress/final reports will delay any possible future funding. EveryCat will require the acceptance of a written agreement to release funding.

**NEW INVESTIGATOR GRANT AWARDS AVAILABLE**
1) A New Feline Investigator Grant Award was established by EveryCat Health Foundation in 2017. One grant will be awarded for the maximum amount of $25,000 with $23,000 available for research and $2,000 available for travel expenses to present the study results at a major veterinary conference.

2) A Feline Genomics New Investigator Grant Award (special emphasis): EveryCat Health Foundation seeks to support the emerging field of feline genomics through the funding of a New Investigator whose research focus will enhance our understanding of feline genomics as it applies to feline health. The study of genomics has progressed exponentially in the last twenty years, from the study of single genes and their potential association with disease to a field that studies the function of genes and their interrelationships. Progress in this discipline has led to the growing awareness that many diseases are the result of complex associations between multiple genes and the influence of environmental factors. Complicating the perceived role of polygenic factors in disease is the understanding that non-coding DNA, formerly believed to be “junk DNA,” may be far more important and influential in health and patient outcomes than previously recognized. Competitive applicants will be new investigators focused on feline genomic research with application to domestic cats particularly in areas of basic science necessary to move the field forward broadly as it applies to feline health. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to genomic-based research that will drive advances in:
   • Personalized medicine and the use of genomic data in clinical decision-making
   • Pharmacogenetics and pharmacogenomics
   • Genomic data interpretation
The maximum award amount of the Feline Genomics New Investigator Award will be $25,000 (similar budget conditions apply).

*Eligibility.* Candidates for the two awards can be recently appointed (< 2 years) university research associates or assistant professors (or equivalent positions outside of the United States), post-doctoral fellows, or veterinary students in a DVM/PhD program at a college or school of veterinary medicine which currently applies for grants from EveryCat. Candidates should have an interest in pursuing a future career in feline health research. The candidates must be the primary principal investigator on the project and should select the application box for YES to apply for the New Feline Investigator Award on the 2022 EveryCat Grant cover sheet.

The guidelines related to types of health studies, format and progress reports/publications would apply to these awards in the same manner as other EveryCat grant awards. EveryCat will also require the acceptance of a written agreement to release funding for this award.

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EveryCat Health Foundation welcomes and promotes diversity and inclusion for all who are seeking to create, support, deliver and share the science of understanding, healing, curing, and caring for every cat, every day.