

2023 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Research grant application deadline is Saturday, December 31, 2022, by 11:59 pm EST.

Please note that while the criteria for grants is outlined below, EveryCat Health Foundation has a new, on-line system for grant submissions. The portal for online applications will open on November 12, 2022. In the meantime, please prepare your grant proposal and documents as per the guidelines set forth in this document in order to prepare for on-line submission between November 12 and December 31, 2022. Sign up [HERE](#) if you wish to be notified by email when the portal is available.

Awards will be announced in May 2023. Application Format information, Grant Proposal 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 several Special Funds including 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 Abdominal Cancer Campaign and Kitty Kollar Customers Care for IBD/Lymphoma Fund).
- Chronic kidney disease and related hypertension disorder

Information on all Special Funds can be found [here](#).

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.

FORMAT

To apply for a EveryCat Health Foundation grant, please visit our portal after between November 12 and December 31, 2022.

The Primary Investigator and Grant Administrator will receive a confirmation email once the document is received.

Examples of successful grant proposals can be found [here](#).

A checklist of grant proposal guidelines can be found [here](#).

All attachments must use PDF format only.

SUMMARY GUIDELINES:

The proposal must include the following information:

I. Cover Page

- 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: If the proposal is a continuation of an EveryCat funded study, include a progress report of the study.

V. Study Proposal

- 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: Provide a detailed estimate of time to complete the work.

VII. Itemized Budget with Justification

- 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.

VIII. Animal Involvement Justification: Studies must meet stringent humane standards of care when animals are involved. For additional information, please consult EveryCat Health Foundation's Humane Use of Animal Guidelines available [here](#).

IX. 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. Humane treatment of animals is of utmost importance to EveryCat Health Foundation and will be reviewed closely.

X. References: Include complete pertinent literature references. All references should include full citations including titles.

XI. Curriculum Vitae: Provide curriculum vitae for every primary investigator.

XII. Consent Forms and Questionnaires: Studies using client-owned cats must include owner consent forms. If applicable, study questionnaires must include the proposed questionnaires.

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 six months until the final project report is submitted.

Failure to submit progress/final reports will delay any possible future funding. EveryCat requires the acceptance of a written agreement to provide 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 thirty 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 in the 2022 EveryCat Grant application portal.

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 provide funding for this award.

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.