

## 2023 CALL FOR RESEARCH STUDY PROPOSALS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MILLER TRUST

EveryCat Health Foundation advances feline health by supporting research and education.

Last year EveryCat Health Foundation recommended seven grants for funding to the Miller Trust, totaling \$233,284 for studies that treat cats with a variety of liver diseases, chronic gastrointestinal disorders, antiviral therapy for treatment of feline infectious peritonitis, diagnostic blood tests for heart failure, stem cell treatment of feline stomatitis, and the genetics of pectus excavatum and diabetes mellitus.

*Please Take Note:*

Based on the requirements of the George and Phyllis Miller Trust, proposals will be accepted only from principal investigators at the following institutions. Partnerships with listed institutions are permitted.

- University of California, Davis
- Colorado State University
- Cornell University
- University of Illinois
- Iowa State University
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri
- The Ohio State University
- University of Tennessee
- Texas A&M University
- Virginia/Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

EveryCat Health Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization that funds research into health issues affecting cats. EveryCat Health Foundation is partnering with the San Francisco Foundation, manager for the George Sydney and Phyllis Redmond Miller Trust, to make funds available for feline health studies.

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 will be open to accept applications between May 29 and August 29, 2023. The portal can be accessed at [https://everycat.smapply.io/prog/everycat\\_miller\\_trust\\_grant\\_2023](https://everycat.smapply.io/prog/everycat_miller_trust_grant_2023)

- The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, August 29, 2023
- EveryCat Health Foundation will make recommendations for awards to its partner, the George Sydney and Phyllis Redmond Miller Trust at The San Francisco Foundation.
- We anticipate making recommendations for grants with budgets up to \$50,000, and awards will be determined in October 2023.
- Projects should have discrete and achievable goals within the \$50,000 limit. They must demonstrate their relevance or benefit to domestic cats.
- Continuations of previously awarded Miller Trust and EveryCat grants will be considered, and requests should follow the procedure below.
- Studies applicable to all cats are encouraged. EveryCat Health Foundation is particularly interested in projects that address issues in individual cat breeds, nutrition, behavior, renal, heart and infectious diseases.
- Applicants may be faculty veterinarians, post-doctoral fellows, practicing veterinarians or veterinary students.

**Summary Guidelines-** The proposal must include the following information:

**I. Cover Sheet:** Cover should include the following information:

- 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): Scientific abstract suitable for veterinary journals describing the purpose and background of the study.

**III. Lay-language Abstract** (maximum 250 words): Abstract in simple non-technical language for use in EveryCat Health Foundation's press releases, newsletters and website geared towards the public.

**IV. Continuation Studies:** If the proposal is a continuation of a previously funded study, include a progress report of that study.

**V. Study Proposal**, (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:** 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 download EveryCat Health Foundation's Humane Use of Animal Guideline at: <https://everycat.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/EveryCat-Humane-Use-of-Animals-Guidelines-2022-.pdf>

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

**X. Curriculum Vitae:** 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.

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 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. Any inquiries regarding the grant or process should be directed to [grants@everycat.org](mailto:grants@everycat.org).

As a reminder, the portal to submit the grant will be open between May 29, 2023, and August 29, 2023.

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## NEW FELINE INVESTIGATOR GRANT AWARD AVAILABLE:

EveryCat Health Foundation established a **New Feline Investigator Grant Award** in 2017. EveryCat will consider eligible candidates' proposals at the Miller Trust review in October.

One grant will be awarded in the 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.

Eligibility: Candidates for the award must be in a DVM, Masters, and/or PhD program pathway at a college or school of veterinary medicine which currently applies for grants from EveryCat for the Miller Trust grant review along with having an interest in feline health research. The candidate must be the primary principal investigator on the project and should select the **YES** box on the application for the New Feline Investigator Award on the application.

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

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