

2024 FALL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

EveryCat Health Foundation, a non-profit organization established in 1968, advances feline health by supporting groundbreaking research and education. Its work worldwide has funded over \$10 million in cat health research at more than 30 partner institutions. Grant funding is made possible through the generosity of dedicated donors, collaborators, and sponsors.

Beginning in 2024, EveryCat will offer two grant cycles per year, Spring and Fall. These cycles will be open to all proposals. Awarded grants will be made in accordance with funds available and under the stipulations of our donors.

Grant Proposal submission portal will open for proposals on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024.

Research grant application deadline is Friday, August 30th, 2024, by 11:59 pm EST.

The Fall Grant Awards will be announced in December of 2024.

Application Format information, Grant Proposal Checklist, RFP Guidelines, and additional Grant Proposal resources can be found on the EveryCat website [here](#).

- The maximum grant amount is \$50,000. Multi-year proposals totaling more than \$50,000 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 \$50,000 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.
- The **Joan Miller New Feline Investigator Grant Award** is also available (See page #4)

Studies applicable to all cats and all aspects pertaining to feline health are encouraged, including shelter medicine, nutrition, and behavior.

EveryCat has dedicated research funds for:

- Feline infectious peritonitis-FIP, (Bria Fund)
- Feline heart disease (Ricky Fund)
- 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

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.

Additionally, EveryCat holds funds which are available for grants to researchers at specific universities, irrespective of the nature of feline health research (the George Sydney and Phyllis Redmond Miller Trust). You will find the list of eligible universities [here](#).

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

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

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

SUMMARY GUIDELINES:

All attachments must use PDF format only.

The proposal must include the following information:

I. Proposal Information

- 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, rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.
- 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. Resubmission: If this proposal has been previously submitted to EveryCat Health Foundation, please indicate this by marking "yes" in the appropriate section of the portal.

VI. 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 **STRONGLY** 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.

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

VIII. Itemized Budget with Justification - *Budgets are reviewed in detail.*

- Round Budget to nearest dollar amount.
- The final numbers on the budget page must match the amount requested. **DO NOT** round to the nearest \$1000 without written justification or explanation.
- Include a list of any other current sources of funding and/or related grants requested.
- Applicants must provide an estimate on how much time each investigator will spend on the project, as well as their role.

- Include 1-2 paragraph clear explanation of specific tasks for any Assistant, Technician, Grad Student, etc. salary request. Provide a percentage breakdown, based on hourly per week/per year, for all individuals for whom salary 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.
- Failure to adequately justify budget as directed may result in rejection of the grant.

IX. 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](#).

X. 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.

XI. References: Include complete pertinent literature references. All references should include full citations including titles. Where available, add hyperlinks to references.

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

XIII. 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**. For a one-year grant award, a progress report for the project is required every six months following the Start Date until the final project report is submitted. For a two-year grant, a progress report for the project is required every twelve months following the Start Date until the final project report is submitted.

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

The JOAN MILLER NEW FELINE INVESTIGATOR GRANT AWARD

The New Feline Investigator Grant Award was created by EveryCat Health Foundation in 2017 to encourage new and innovative researchers with an interest in feline health and medicine to submit grant proposals. In 2023, the grant award was renamed in honor and memory of Joan Miller, who served on the EveryCat Board of Directors for over 20 years. Her commitment to promoting up-and-coming young researchers was crucial in encouraging many new investigators in the field of cat health.

The Joan Miller New Investigator Grant Award will be awarded to qualified investigators in 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.*

Eligibility: Candidates for the two awards must 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. Candidates should have an interest in pursuing a future career in feline health research and must be the primary principal investigator for the project.

Grant proposals submitted for amounts over \$25,000 will NOT be eligible for consideration for the New Investigator Award.

The guidelines related to types of health studies, format, and progress reports/publications 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.

To be considered for the Joan Miller New Investigator Grant Award, the New Feline Investigator box must be checked in the grant portal at the time of the grant submission.

There is no limit to the number of eligible New Investigator Awards available.

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.