

AEMV Research Grant Announcement 2016-2017

The AEMV Grant Review Committee announces its annual call for proposals from veterinarians.

The purpose of the AEMV Research Fund is to promote research that specifically leads to the improvement in clinical care of exotic companion mammals. This includes ferrets, rabbits, rodents guinea pigs, chinchillas, hamsters, gerbils, rats, mice, and other less traditional pet species such as hedgehogs, sugar gliders, and prairie dogs, pertaining to captive health, diet, and husbandry in privately owned situations.

AEMV officers, AEMV board members, or AEMV committee chairs are not eligible for application. Members of AEMV will be given first consideration.

Projects that will be excluded involve wildlife and zoo species that are not primarily pet species and/or those dealing with these species in the wild and conservation oriented. Any projects promoting commercial breeding for the pet trade of non-domestic species will not be accepted. In addition, only non-terminal studies will be considered.

The following guidelines should be considered when developing a proposal:

1. Funding level is limited to a maximum of \$5000 per submission.
2. Competitive proposals must be clearly outlined with projects achievable within 1 year of funding. Priority will be given to projects that are founded on sound research principles, can be fully completed at the level of requested funding, and are likely to result in presentation at a scientific conference preferably the AEMV annual conference and publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
3. The following outline should be strictly adhered. The body of the proposal should not exceed TEN (10) double-spaced pages (excluding PI and co-PI CVs, letters of support and IACUC certificates). New Times Roman 11 pt font, double line spacing, and 1" (2.5cm) margins should be used throughout.
 - a) Title Page: Title of study; investigators names and proportional time allocation (%) to the project; full contact details (including mailing address, contact telephone and fax, and email address) for the primary investigator; and signatures from all investigators, and the Department Chair or Dean if applicable.
 - b) Hypothesis and/or Objectives
 - c) Rationale and Significance
 - d) Materials and Methods (including statistical analyses)
 - e) Budget: No indirect costs, salaries, publication costs or equipment are funded.

Outside funding: will additional sources of funding be needed to complete the project? If yes, please specify and have these sources been secured? If outside funding sources do not come through within the timeline established by AEMV, then the monies will be returned to AEMV.
 - f) References: Please follow this style: Graham JP, Lipman AH, Newell SM. Esophageal transit of capsules in clinically normal cats. Am J Vet Res 2000;61:655-657.
 - g) Appendix 1: A short CV should be included (max 2 pages) from each PI and co-PI (but not every investigator). The CV should indicate qualifications, awards and honors, relevant research presentations, and scientific journal publications.
 - h) Appendix 1: For proposals that involve co-investigator labs and/or use of other facilities, letters of support must accompany the proposal.
 - i) Appendix 2: If ANY aspect of the proposal involves experimentation that falls under the jurisdiction of the Animal Welfare Act and the USDA (e.g. use of healthy animals, blinded/placebo clinical trials, etc), then a copy of the written approval from the Institutional

Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) must be included. If in doubt, investigators should contact their local IACUC representative for advice.

4. Once funding has been awarded the PI is requested to provide an update on the project 6 months after receiving the funds.

5. If for any reason the project cannot be completed in the requested time line, or is terminated prior to the anticipated end the investigator is requested to write a summary on the status and might be asked to return the funding.

6. The due date for proposals is Friday, June 30, 2017.

7. The winning proposal will be notified Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

Please submit one electronic copy of the proposal via email to:

info@aemv.org