



2007 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ACVIM Foundation Clinical Investigation Grants

Background: The ACVIM Foundation is a non-profit organization, affiliated with the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM). The ACVIM Foundation provides funds to support investigations that have direct application to improving the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of disease in animals.

Eligibility: Principal Investigators must be active diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM). For Resident Proposals, residents enrolled in ACVIM-approved residency programs and have a minimum of one year left in their training program at the time of award should act as Co-Principal Investigator. Collaboration with investigators who are not ACVIM diplomates as co-investigators is encouraged. Submission by diplomates in private practice is strongly encouraged, and collaboration between diplomates in private practice and those in academia is strongly encouraged.

Awards: **Resident** applicants may request up to \$12,500 per year. **Diplomate** applicants may request up to \$15,000 per year. A **NEW Canine Oncology Grant** will be awarded to one proposal up to \$50,000. One \$20,000 grant will be awarded to a **collaborative/multi-center proposal**, with preference toward private practice/academia partnerships. The Foundation is pleased to announce **NEW Urgent Study Grants** which may be awarded up to \$20,000. For more information on this special grant program, please visit the Urgent Study Grants page on our web site or contact the Foundation for further information. Funding for multi-year projects up to 3 years will be considered, subject to annual non-competitive renewal based on availability of funds and demonstration of adequate progress on the project. **The ACVIM Foundation must receive a summary report within 3 months after the completion of a project.** Principal investigators will be notified of award status in January 2008.

Criteria for Awards: Proposals will be reviewed by the ACVIM Foundation Scientific Review Committee and ad hoc reviewers who are experts in the field of individual proposals. This program is intended to encourage studies with direct clinical application. Specific criteria used in consideration of proposals will include:

- Potential of the study to enhance the diagnosis, treatment, and/or prevention of disease in animals.
- Relevance of the proposal to existing scientific knowledge.
- Feasibility of the study, including likelihood of success in achieving study aims and appropriateness of the study design.
- Qualifications of the investigators, including adequacy of facilities, training record, productivity and other available resources.
- Potential of the study to enhance collaboration among diplomates in private practice and those in academia.

Application Process: After collaboration with esteemed colleagues representing all specialties we have made substantial revisions to our grant application process. The new application is relatively streamlined and more appropriate to the value of the grants while maintaining the high standard of scientific excellence to which we are dedicated. To be considered, grant proposals must follow the *ACVIM Foundation Instructions for Grant Proposal Submission* and arrive in the ACVIM Foundation Office by the close of business on **Friday, September 14, 2007**. The Instructions for Grant Proposal Submission, as well as further information about the ACVIM Foundation and its Grant Program, may be obtained at the ACVIM Foundation's website, www.acvimfoundation.org. For more information, contact the ACVIM Foundation's Manager at foundation@acvim.org.