



2009 CALL FOR PROPOSALS-Restricted Funds 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, understanding, 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: This is a second call for proposals during our 2008/2009 granting cycle specific to restricted funds. We are pleased to offer:

Grant	PI	Topic	Maximum budget	Capital Equipment
Feline Chronic Renal Failure	Diplomate or Resident	Feline chronic renal disease	\$114,000 total	Yes
Feline Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy	Diplomate or Resident	Feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	\$34,276 total	Yes
Canine Hemostasis and/or Thrombosis	Diplomate or Resident	Clinical studies in dogs relating to Hemostasis and/or Thrombosis. Studies may involve laboratory techniques or dogs with naturally occurring disease; they may not involve experimental or research animals.	\$25,000 total	Yes
Neurology Resident	Resident (co-PI)	Neurology	\$12,500 total	No

Proposals may request up to the total amount and multi-year projects up to 3 years will be considered, subject to annual non-competitive renewal based on demonstration of adequate progress on the project. See Grant Application Guidelines for more information on capital equipment and overhead allowances. **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 August 2009.

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.

The mission of the ACVIM Foundation is to advance animal health through discovery, education, and communication.



Criteria (cont.)

- 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 **Monday, June 15, 2009**. 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 Director of Marketing & Operations at Heather@ACVIM.org.