



WINN FELINE FOUNDATION

For the Health and Well-being of All Cats

2016 Winn Grant Proposal Announcement

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Winn Feline Foundation enhances the relationship between cats and humans by fostering improvements in feline health through research and education.

Winn Feline Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization that funds research into health issues affecting cats.

The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, December 14, 2015 and awards will be announced in April, 2016.

- The maximum grant amount is \$25,000, and awards will be determined in March 2016. Multi-year proposals totaling more than \$25,000 will not be considered. However, continuation of studies funded in previous years will be considered and requests should follow the procedure below. Additional funds may be available for breed-related studies.

- Projects should have discrete and achievable goals within the \$25,000 limit. They must demonstrate their relevance or benefit to domestic cats.

- **Please Note:** Studies applicable to all cats are encouraged. Winn Feline Foundation is also interested in projects that address issues in individual breeds, nutrition and behavior. Although we are interested in all areas of feline health, we have dedicated funds for research in feline infectious peritonitis (Bria Fund), hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (Ricky Fund), and lung cancer in cats. In addition to the aforementioned funds, current breed specific special funds are available for Norwegian Forest Cat and Persian HCM studies, Birman heart disease studies, health issues in Abyssinians, and amyloidosis in Siamese-related breeds. **10/2015: \$25,000 is available for research related to diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of abdominal cancer (liver, pancreas, intestinal tract).**

- Applicants may be faculty veterinarians, post-doctoral fellows, practicing veterinarians or veterinary students.

FORMAT:

To apply for a Winn Feline Foundation grant, submit your electronic proposal as ONE complete Microsoft Word document (provided in order listed below) to grants@winnfelinefoundation.org to be received no later than Monday, December 14, 2015. Proposals submitted in separate pieces will not be reviewed. The Primary Investigator and Grant Administrator will receive a confirmation email once the document is received.

Summary Guidelines (Every copy of the proposal must include the following information in order):

I. Cover Page (maximum one page):

You **MUST** use the cover page template located in the grants (process/application forms) section at www.winnfelinefoundation.org.

1. Includes the title of the proposed study.
2. Name, institution, email, and regular mailing address of all primary investigators and a list of co-investigators.
3. 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.
4. Amount requested.
5. Signature of the principal investigator and appropriate grant administrator.

II. Scientific Summary (maximum 250 words):

A scientific abstract suitable for veterinary journals that describes the purpose and background of the study.

III. Lay-language Abstract (maximum 250 words):

Also include an abstract in simple non-technical language for use in Winn Feline Foundation's press releases, newsletters and website geared towards the general public.

IV. Continuation Studies (maximum 3 pages):

If the proposal is a continuation of a prior Winn funded study, include a progress report of this earlier study.



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V. Study Proposal (maximum 3 pages, not including references):

1. Background (including preliminary data) which clearly address study objectives and hypotheses.
2. Include precise reasons for experimental design, number of animals needed, expected outcome, possible limitations to study and alternative approaches.
3. 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.
4. Applicants using client-owned animals must document that the institutional case load is adequate to provide the number of animals per year needed to complete the study as proposed.

VI. Timeline (maximum one page): Provide a detailed estimate of time to complete work.

VII. Itemized Budget with justification (maximum one page):

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:

1. Studies must meet stringent humane standards of care when animals are involved. Download the Winn Humane Use of Animals Guidelines (Please note: Revised March 2015) for additional information at www.winnfelinefoundation.org.
2. 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 Winn Feline Foundation and will be reviewed closely.

IX. References (maximum 2 pages):

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

X. Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 pages each): Provide 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.

PUBLICATIONS and PROGRESS REPORTS:

Investigators receiving a grant award are **REQUIRED** to credit Winn Feline Foundation in any and 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 January 1st following the receipt of the grant award until the final project report is submitted. Reports must be submitted on the Winn template, which will be provided. **Failure to submit progress/final reports will delay any possible future funding.**

Winn will require the acceptance of a written agreement to release funding.