

Types of Awards Granted by Morris Animal Foundation

Established Investigator (ID# 1-100s): These awards are for seasoned researchers who typically have a published track record in research. The maximum award duration for an Established Investigator is three years. **There is no budget limit however the average Established Investigator award is \$50,000 per year for two years.**

First Award (ID# 300s): First Award Grants offer new investigators opportunities early in their career by: 1) providing research funding for their first research project as the principal investigator and 2) pairing them with a seasoned research mentor to help them launch a successful, long-term, scientific career in advancing companion animal and wildlife health.

Qualifications of Applicant: Applicant must have a faculty-equivalent position in a university, accredited zoo or conservation organization. Applicant must provide a letter documenting his or her faculty or faculty-equivalent status from the institution's dean, department head or equivalent. Applicant must *not* have received previous funding as a principal investigator for more than \$20,000 for any single, extramural award. Previous role as a co-investigator is acceptable. **Individuals currently in a residency are not eligible for this award.**

***Funding is limited to two years at \$50,000 maximum per year (personnel and supplies) plus maximum of 8 percent indirect costs (maximum annual award is \$54,000).**

Fellowship Training (ID# 400s): Fellowship Training Grants provide salary support for training opportunities that will produce biomedical scientists (veterinarian and/or PhD) committed to a career in companion animal and/or wildlife research. Applicants are paired with a seasoned research mentor for this award.

Applicants must have a DVM or PhD. The Fellow cannot have completed more than two (2) years of full-time postdoctoral research training. Applicant must provide a letter from his or her department chair or dean of research that documents the applicant's appointment as a full-time graduate student or postdoctoral research associate. Successful candidates must devote at least 90 percent of their time to the funded research. Applications for support of training positions with clinical service requirements will not be considered. Applicants are not eligible to activate this award while in a residency. **Funding is two years of salary support up to a maximum of \$50,000 per year (inclusive of benefits and a maximum of 8 percent indirect costs). Tuition is not supported by this award.**

Pilot Study (ID# 800s): These grants provide funding for innovative ideas to speed up discovery and advance the Foundation's mission. Preliminary data are not required to successfully compete for a Morris Animal Foundation pilot-study grant. Pilot studies must meet the following criteria:

- The budget cannot exceed \$10,800 (\$10,000 plus 8 percent for indirect costs).
- The duration of the study cannot exceed one year.
- All investigators are eligible to apply. An investigator can serve as principal investigator (PI) on only ONE (1) Morris Animal Foundation pilot study per year.
- The PI on a Foundation-funded pilot study does not need to have full-time faculty status at his or her institution, and residents are eligible to apply for this award.

