



# Morris Animal Foundation Proposal Scoring Guidelines

<p><b>Scientific Merit &amp; Proposed Approach</b> (max 10 points)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study design contains fatal flaw(s)</li> <li>• Other component of proposal contains fatal flaw (i.e., guideline infraction, applicant ineligible)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study design contains significant flaw(s)</li> <li>• Other component of application weak (i.e., scientific team lacks relevant experience, statistical analysis lacking)</li> <li>• Concerns about proposed approach</li> <li>• Concerns about proposed scientific team, budget or project timeline</li> <li>• Research has been done, duplication</li> </ul> <p>&lt; 4 (Not eligible to resubmit)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study design contains moderate flaw(s)</li> <li>• More preliminary data is needed (N/A for pilot studies)</li> <li>• Proposed approach appropriate</li> <li>• Timeline adequate</li> <li>• Approach somewhat innovative/novel</li> </ul> <p>4-6 (Eligible to resubmit)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent, well-described study design; hypothesis, objectives, specific aims clearly specified</li> <li>• Well justified, thorough preliminary data (N/A for pilot studies)</li> <li>• Excellent data and statistical analysis</li> <li>• Scientific design adequate to answer question</li> <li>• Objectives achievable within timeline</li> <li>• Innovative/creative approach (pilot studies particularly)</li> <li>• Research includes a training component</li> </ul> <p>≥ 7 (Recommended for funding)</p>
<p><b>Impact</b> (max 10 points)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will not impact identified field in animal health as written</li> <li>• Proposed species to benefit not in Morris Animal Foundation funding area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact on identified field not clear</li> <li>• Topic is disease/issue that causes low morbidity in a small number of animals</li> </ul> <p>&lt; 4 (Not eligible to resubmit)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research likely to make some impact on identified field</li> <li>• Topic is disease/issue that causes low morbidity/mortality in large number of animals <i>or</i> higher morbidity/mortality in a small number of animals</li> <li>• Some need for research in this area</li> </ul> <p>4-6 (Eligible to resubmit)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research likely to make significant impact on identified field</li> <li>• Topic is disease/issue that causes high morbidity/mortality in a large number of animals</li> <li>• Research will improve the survival of endangered species or exotic captive animals.</li> <li>• Great need for research in this area</li> </ul> <p>≥ 7 (Recommended for funding)</p>