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Dear Canine Health Researcher:

In an effort to continue to maintain a balanced research portfolio and meet the needs of our donors, the AKC Canine Health Foundation has streamlined our Request for Proposals. In 2014 we are releasing focused calls for Acorn proposals that will fill gaps in our funding portfolio. In place of an open call for Oak grants we will be funding Special Emphasis grants in the areas of hypothyroidism and epilepsy. CHF expects that other research areas will cycle back into active calls for proposals as currently funded grants close.

Please be aware that we use different reviewers for the different funding initiatives we support. It is advisable to determine whether you are writing to the [CHF grant committee](#) or [peer reviewers](#) so that your application can be targeted to your audience.

- Acorn grant applications are reviewed by the CHF grant committee.
- Special Emphasis grant applications are reviewed by peer reviewers. Scientific Review Groups are ad hoc and based on those individuals without conflict of interest with applicants. They are not set until all applications are received.

CHF routinely receives >200 applications/year; therefore, we will continue to ask peer reviewers to screen Special Emphasis grants based on the Abstract page. Only those applications deemed to be of high significance and impact by at least 3 reviewers will be moved on to full review. Grants will be reviewed by those individuals who found the science compelling in the first place, we do not “move the target.” Reviewed grants will be discussed via teleconference and ranked by peer reviewers. Highly ranked grants will be selected for funding based on significance and impact on canine health as presented to the Grants Committee and Board of Directors.

Thank you for considering the AKC Canine Health Foundation for your research funding needs. If you have any questions, please contact me or Program Manager, Samantha Wright, at sjw@akcchf.org.

Sincerely,

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