

RFP - REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PRE-PROPOSALS 2009

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2009

Pre-proposals for canine health research, both pre-clinical and clinical studies, in excess of \$12,000, are now being accepted. These proposals are for 1 to 2 year projects (special dispensation may be approved for 3 year projects). There is not a specified budget limit but note that the average approved grant in 2008 was \$86,000 with a \$34,000 standard deviation.

Pre-proposals will be evaluated and the Principal Investigator(s) will be notified of the selection of pre-proposals by April 6, 2009. Full Applications for approved pre-proposals are to be submitted by May 15, 2009. Additional information on submission instructions for full applications will be provided to the PIs whose pre-proposals are approved. Funding decisions for the 2009 grant cycle will be made in September, 2009.

Pre-proposals will be selected based on:

- Significance of health concern through the seriousness of the disease and the potential impact on the lives of dogs.
- Research areas of interest for CHF and breed clubs. *Please note the specific areas of research interest are found on the website. Priority will be given to these topics.*
- Cost benefit of the study.
- Scientific soundness of proposed methods. Detailed scientific review will occur if invited for full application.
- Humane treatment of dogs with study participation only with the consent of the owners.
- Investigator's past performance with research projects and publications in peer-reviewed journals.
- Current and future portfolio of CHF grants.

RESEARCH PRE-PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: The instructions for the Pre-Proposals have been modified. Please read them carefully and follow the directions. This includes **font style, font size, margin size, word limits, and page limits**. Any applications submitted that do not follow the instructions will not be reviewed.

Font Style: Arial or Times New Roman
Font Size: 12 pt
Margins: 1 inch
Page Limit: 5 pages

Pre-Proposal Content and Submission:

- 1) Title page (1 page) must include:
 - Title of the proposed study (must be different from ongoing or pending research)
 - Principle Investigator(s) (Name, title, affiliation, phone/fax numbers and email address, including name and complete mailing address of the university or institution)

- Indicate if the application is a resubmission or a continuation of currently funded research.
- Duration of the project in months (24 month maximum)
- Total amount requested in US Dollars
 - Total Direct Costs
 - Total Indirect Costs (Maximum of 8%)
 - Grand Total in US Dollars
- Signatures of the principal investigator(s)
- Lay Abstract (limit to 200 words) - Statement of Research Problem and Objectives in lay language for public audiences

2) Study Proposal (limit to 3 pages – Be succinct.)

A. Statement of Purpose/Hypothesis/Objectives

- Specific objectives (must be different from ongoing or pending research)

B. Background of Proposed Research

- Significance to Canine Health
- If applicable, significance to specific breeds
- Brief Literature Review
- Preliminary Studies - Description of preliminary data that supports the hypothesis. Please indicate if previous CHF funding was used to generate the data.

C. Experimental Methods and Design

- General description about methods to be used for each objective.

D. Animals (limit 100 words)

- Since CHF has restrictions on dogs used in research, please clearly indicate where the participating dogs and/or samples will be obtained. Specific treatment protocols for the animals should be included in the Experimental Methods and Design. CHF will not fund the purchase of dogs, dog research colonies, projects involving disease induction or injury models in dogs, or euthanasia of healthy dogs.

E. Expected outcome, significance and application of findings (limit 200 words)

3) Brief Profile and Role Description of Principle Investigator and Co-Investigators

4) References

5) Budget Estimates

- Cost Estimates based on the below categories
 - Salary (non-tenured, non-tenure track, non-professional investigators)
 - Supplies and Reagents
 - Clinical Tests
 - Sample Collection Expenses
 - Other (please specify)
 - Institutional Indirect Costs (Max of 8%)
- CHF does not financially support the following:
 - Salary of tenure-track faculty (university) or professional, salaried senior-staff (non-profit or for-profit)
 - Salary of tenure-track faculty (university) or professional, salaried senior-staff (non-profit or for-profit) for statistical analysis support
 - Laboratory equipment or non-disposable parts

- Laboratory equipment repair or non-disposable parts
 - Computer equipment
 - Computer software
 - Development of custom-designed computer software
 - Tuition or registration fees for classes, training, or conferences
 - Travel expenses for any purpose, except those directly related to sample procurement (example: dog shows)
 - Transportation of dogs
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HOW TO SUBMIT

The Pre-proposal is due **March 1, 2009**. **Electronic copy** must be sent to chfapply@akcchf.org as one single PDF document that contains the entire pre-proposal. The electronic copy must be received by midnight on March 1, 2009. If you do not receive a confirmation email by 5PM March 2, 2009, contact the office at 888-682-9696.

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