2027 Spring EveryCat Health Foundation Grant Proposal Guidelines
Opens: **Wednesday, November 11, 2026**
Closes: **Friday, January 15, 2027, 11:59 pm EST**

EveryCat Health Foundation, a non-profit organization established in 1968, advances feline health by supporting groundbreaking research and education. Our vision is to address the health needs of cats throughout their entire lifetime by focusing on all aspects of physical, mental, and social well-being. We award grants to scientists and research professionals in areas including the origins and diagnosis of feline diseases, development of effective treatments, and the identification of disease prevention strategies.

EveryCat Health Foundation has funded over $13 million in cat health research at more than 30 partner institutions worldwide. Grant funding is made possible through the generosity of dedicated donors, collaborators, and sponsors. EveryCat Health Foundation offers two grant cycles per year: Spring and Fall.

Funding Limits and Basic Eligibility

Grant application format information, grant proposal checklist, Request for Proposal (RFP) guidelines, and additional grant proposal resources can be found on the **EveryCat Health Foundation website.**

Funding Amounts:

- Maximum request: $50,000 (Requests over $50,000 will not be considered)
- Continuation of studies funded in previous years will be considered; requests should follow the format as outlined
- Wire transfer is preferred method of processing awards. Grant award checks must be made payable to the institution/agency.

Eligible Applicants:

- Veterinary researchers
- Veterinary faculty
- Veterinary interns and residents
- Practicing veterinarians
- Post-doctoral fellows
- Veterinary students (supervision by faculty or established researchers is required)
- PhDs or MDs in related scientific or medical fields
- Collaboration with veterinary researchers is strongly encouraged

Proposals Must:

- Demonstrate relevance or benefit to improving the health of domestic, companion felines
- Have achievable goals within the funding limit
- Include ALL the requested information. Incomplete or missing information without clear and valid explanation may result in rejection of the entire proposal
- Be completed through the grant submission portal
    - Incomplete applications may be rejected
- Have all attachments uploaded to the grant submission software in PDF format only

How to Submit:

- Complete the proposal in the grant submission portal

Helpful Tips:

- There is no restriction on the number of pages that can be submitted.
    - There is a 250-word maximum for only two sections: the Scientific Summary and Lay-language abstract.
- A grant proposal checklist can be found **HERE.** Completion of each item on the checklist is mandatory. The checklist does NOT need to be submitted
- Incomplete or missing information may result in rejection of the proposal.
- A sample of the Reviewer Score Sheet can be found **HERE.**
- Examples of successful grant proposals can be found **HERE.**
    - *Please note that the RFP has changed since these example studies were submitted and approved.*

Required Proposal Components

Below is the breakdown of what is required in each section of your proposal. Include ALL the following information. Incomplete or missing information without clear explanation may result in rejection of the entire proposal.

1. Proposal Introduction
    - Include the title of the proposed study.
    - Name, institution, email, and regular mailing address of all primary investigators and a list of co-investigators. Please review this document for the definition of the types of investigators.
    - Agency/Institution, institution's EIN Number (US applicants only), grant administrator name/email for the agency to which the grant would be payable.
    - Amount requested, rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.
    - Signature of the principal investigator

2. Scientific Summary (maximum 250 words)

3. Lay-language Abstract (maximum 250 words)

4. Abbreviations table- Submit a table outlining and explaining any abbreviations included.

5. Continuation Studies - If the proposal is a continuation of an EveryCat Health Foundation funded study, include a progress or final report of the previous study. Please include the original EveryCat study number.

6. Resubmission - Mark YES in the appropriate section of the submission portal if this proposal has been previously submitted to EveryCat Health Foundation. A completed **Resubmission Worksheet** must be submitted with the proposal in PDF format.

7. Study Proposal -
    - Literature review/search and background.
    - Preliminary data - if no preliminary data is available, (i.e. pilot study) clearly note this in the proposal.
    - Provide separately and clearly stated hypothesis and/or objectives.
    - Study design - number of animals needed, expected outcome, possible limitations to study and alternative approaches.
    - Statistics – Include precise reasons for experimental design, sample size calculations, expected outcomes, possible limitations to the study and alternative approaches. A statistics worksheet is provided and should be included with the application. If the statistics worksheet provided in the grant software is not applicable to the study design, a detailed reason must be provided for the proposal to be reviewed.
    - It is STRONGLY 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.
    - Applicants using client-owned animals must document that the institutional caseload is adequate to provide the number of animals per year needed to complete the study as proposed.

8. Timeline - Provide a detailed estimate of time required to complete the study.

9. Itemized Budget with Justification - Budgets are reviewed in detail. Failure to adequately justify a budget item as directed may result in rejection of the grant.
    - The final numbers on the budget page must match the amount requested. DO NOT round to the nearest $1,000 without written justification or explanation. Round budget to the nearest dollar amount.
    - Detailed breakdowns of costs are required; for example, list specific reagents and consumables and do not just say "lab supplies"
    - Include a list of any other current sources of funding and/or related grants requested.
    - Applicants must provide an estimate of how much time all investigators will spend on the project, as well as their role.
    - Include 1-2 paragraph clear explanation of specific tasks for any Assistant, Technician, Grad Student, etc. salary request. Provide a percentage breakdown, based on hours per week/per year, for all individuals for whom salary funds are requested.
    - The Foundation does not fund salaries of primary investigators, major equipment expenditures, travel, or indirect costs.
    - Up to $2,000 can be budgeted for publication costs.
    - Please list any other sources you are receiving funding from for this project. Please specify what those funds are going toward.
    - Salaries, supplies, and animal care costs not clearly justified may be deleted from the budget.

10. Animal Involvement Justification - Studies must meet stringent humane standards of care when animals are involved. For additional information, please consult EveryCat Health Foundation's Humane Use of Animal Guidelines available HERE. If applicable, provide a description of the animal care unit at the investigator's facility, including certifications held, IACUC committee reviews, and plans for maintenance of animals during and after the study. Humane treatment of animals is of utmost importance to EveryCat Health Foundation and will be reviewed closely.

11. References - Include complete pertinent literature references. All references should include full citations including titles. Whenever possible, include hyperlinks to references.

12. Curriculum Vitae - Provide a curriculum vitae for each primary investigator, co-investigators, AND key participants included in the budget.

13. Conflicts of Interest - Please disclose any interests related to the outcome of the project, financial or non-financial - which could compromise the integrity of the research, whether in fact or in appearance

14. Consent Forms and Questionnaires - Studies using client-owned cats must include owner consent forms. If a questionnaire is utilized, the proposed questionnaire must be included with the proposal.

Progress Report Schedule

A progress report of the funded project is REQUIRED. Instructions on report submission will be provided at the time funding is awarded. **Failure to submit reports will delay and may compromise any possible future funding.**

One-Year Grants

- Submit a progress report every 6 months from the Effective Date (date of final signature on agreement) until the project is finished
- Both final scientific and financial reports are required at the end of the project.
- **Final financial reports must provide a detailed breakdown of costs incurred, not general categories**.

Two-Year Grants

- Submit a progress report every 12 months from the Effective Date until the project is finished
- Both final scientific and financial reports are required at the end of the project.
- **Final financial reports must provide a detailed breakdown of costs incurred, not general categories.**



Publications

Investigators receiving a grant award are REQUIRED to credit EveryCat Health Foundation in all publications arising from this research. Please send publications to grants@everycat.org.

Grant recipients are required to:

- Acknowledge EveryCat Health Foundation in all publications
- Send copies of all publications to EveryCat Health Foundation

Joan Miller New Feline Investigator Grant Award

The New Feline Investigator Grant Award was created by EveryCat Health Foundation in 2017 to encourage new and innovative researchers with an interest in feline health and medicine to submit grant proposals. In 2023, the grant award was renamed in honor and memory of Joan Miller, who served on the EveryCat Health Foundation Board of Directors for over 20 years. Her commitment to promoting up-and-coming young researchers was crucial in encouraging many new investigators in the field of cat health.

Funding Available

- Maximum award: $25,000
    - Up to $23,000 for research
    - Up to $2,000 for travel to present results at a veterinary conference

Eligibility

Applicants must be one of the following:

- University research associate or assistant professor (appointed for <2 years)
    - Equivalent international position
- Post-doctoral fellow
- Veterinary student in a DVM and PhD program at a college or school of veterinary medicine

Additional Requirements:

- Must plan to pursue a career in feline health research
- Requests over $25,000 are not eligible
- The guidelines related to types of health studies, format, and progress reports/publications apply to these awards in the same manner as other EveryCat Health Foundation grant awards.

How to Apply

- Check the “New Feline Investigator” box in the grant portal when submitting