



AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE FOUNDATION EQUINE RESEARCH PROGRAM

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2010-2011 GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

Proposal Deadline: December 1, 2009

General Research

The American Quarter Horse Association and American Quarter Horse Foundation encourage the submission of a diverse range of research projects related to the health, welfare and utility of the horse, and of importance to the horse owner and horse industry. Funding decisions will be based on scientific merit, clinical application and or potential benefit to the horse and horse industry.

“Refrigerator Fund” for Equine Head Trauma Research

Grant funding in the area of equine head trauma is also currently available. Targeted research directed at prevention, treatment, diagnostics, hospitalization and or prognosis is desired, including evaluation, comparison, management and historical or retrospective analysis. Special consideration will be given to projects with a collaborative approach between departments or institutions.

AQHF Young Investigator Award for Equine Research

Specialized grant funding is currently available for MS or PhD level graduate students or DVM/VMD level residency interns. Lead investigators should be graduate or residency students who are currently enrolled in a graduate sciences program. Research performed should be monitored by a graduate level advisor, major professor or senior faculty PhD or DVM/VMD mentor.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals that do not conform to these written instructions will not be considered.

All proposals must use this application form and adhere to the format/layout described below. With exception to the title and budget pages, applications must be double spaced, using a minimum 12-point font with one-inch margins. All pages of the application, beginning with the title page, must be clearly numbered. Applications should be no more than 30 pages in length.

Please copy and paste existing text for proposal documentation into the formatted application form. Otherwise, please enter new text directly into the spaces provided. We also ask that applications/proposals be saved and uploaded including the university/organization’s name within the file or document name.

All completed applications must be submitted electronically by December 1, 2009.

Proposals should be uploaded on <http://services2.aqha.com/researchgrantappupload/>. Upload instructions are provided on the web site. *Please make sure all programs used during the production of your proposal and or the application upload process are Microsoft Office and or Internet Explorer compatible.*

Based on the program's established criteria, the following items have been identified by the Equine Research Committee as undesirable proposal design objects and or requests: requests from private companies; research designated for trade name products; commercial product research, and use of ponies as a model in the research plan. Proposals containing these items will not be considered for grant funding.

General and or Head Trauma Research applicants: submitted proposals may only request funding for a one-year grant period, as indicated on the application's original title page. Proposals for projects of more than one year's duration must be re-submitted each year thereafter for recurrent consideration. Applications for these projects must include a progress report of no more than five pages, in addition to the key proposal. If a project was awarded funding in the previous year, it is not automatically guaranteed further funding.

Young Investigator Research applicants: proposals must be for a stand alone project with exceptionally focused scope and objectives in the field of equine research. Research should be completed within a one-year period with a viable outcome, endpoint and or publication expected upon completion of the project.

TITLE PAGE

A signed copy of the title/cover page must be mailed to the American Quarter Horse Foundation by the application deadline.

Type of Application: Indicate whether the application is for a new project or if you wish to renew a current Foundation grant (i.e. funded in the previous year). Specify amount requested. The average grant request is between \$25,000 through \$75,000.

Title of Research Project: The official title of the proposal project should be provided on the title page of the application.

Principal Investigator(s): List all faculty members involved in the direction of the research within the application.

LAY SUMMARY

Include a **one page** brief summary of the project using lay terminology. The summary should contain justification for the project, what the project is trying to accomplish, how you plan to accomplish it, and how it applies to AQHA/AQHF and the horse industry.

ANIMAL CARE AND USE FORM

A **one page** letter or memorandum from the institution's Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) indicating the project has been submitted for review is required for consideration

of the project. Upon award of grant funding, final approval by the ACUC is required before funds may be disbursed by the Foundation.

RESEARCH PLAN

The research plan should include a timeline, justification, literature review, objectives, materials and methods, expected outcome(s) and references. Timelines may be submitted in narrative or graphical formats. This section **may not exceed 20 pages**, including references. Proposals exceeding the page limit **will not** be reviewed.

FACILITIES

Describe the facilities and equipment available to conduct the proposed research. A description of the facilities must not exceed **one page**.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Curriculum vitae for each faculty investigator involved in the research should be included with the application. Each CV should not exceed **two pages** and include academic rank, education and training, a list of pertinent publications, and current funded research relevant to the proposal. Proposals exceeding this page limit **will not** be reviewed.

BUDGET

General and or Head Trauma Research applicants:

- AQHA/AQHF will not fund salary of principal investigator(s), indirect costs, purchase of capital equipment, or travel to scientific conferences.
- AQHA/AQHF will fund salaries of additional personnel such as lab technicians, graduate students, postdoctoral scientists, and student workers.
- AQHA/AQHF will fund consumable supplies, service contracts, and publication costs.
- AQHA/AQHF will fund the purchase, lease and care of horses. If horses are purchased, salvage value must be documented and deducted from the cost.
- AQHA/AQHF does not pay overhead no matter how it may be defined.
- AQHA/AQHF will pay graduate student tuition at the resident rate provided more than 50% of the student's time is being spent on the project and documentation accompanies the grant application (e.g. copy of tuition and fees for graduate students from the catalog of the University).
- AQHA/AQHF will pay for benefits based on time committed to the project. Documentation outlining the formula for determining fringe benefits and items included as fringe benefits must accompany the grant application.

Young Investigator Research applicants: budgetary items for research assistance may include graduate student tuition, salaries for personnel such as lab technicians and student workers, lease and care of horses, consumable supplies, service contracts and publication costs.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Applications for renewal projects must include a progress report of no more than five pages, in addition to the key proposal (30 page proposal + 5 page progress report = 35

page maximum that will be accepted for renewal projects). The report should include completed research objectives and outcome(s), as well as the actual timeline of completion. Timelines may be submitted in narrative or graphical formats.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

Approval notification will be mailed to the university's Office of Sponsored Programs beginning the last week of April. Approved projects will be funded on the Foundation's fiscal year cycle of October 1 – September 30. A research agreement will either accompany the approved project notification packet or will be mailed directly to the university. Questions regarding the notification and or agreement process may be directed to our programs office.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PAGES ALLOWED: 30

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