

# WINN FELINE FOUNDATION

For the Health and Well-being of All Cats



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## CALL FOR RESEARCH STUDY PROPOSALS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MILLER TRUST

Winn Feline Foundation advances feline health by supporting research and education.

Last year Winn funded five grants totaling \$127,868.00 for studies in cats on investigating gabapentin dosing in cats with CKD, using biomarkers to diagnose reflux disease, evaluating the use of mesenchymal stem cells as a treatment for inflammatory bowel disease and chronic gingivostomatitis, and determining stress hormone levels in hair and nails of cats to measure chronic stress.

### Please Take Note:

Based on the requirements of the George and Phyllis Miller Trust, proposals will be accepted only from principal investigators at the following institutions. Partnerships with listed institutions are permitted.

- University of California, Davis
- Colorado State University
- Cornell University
- University of Illinois
- Iowa State University
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri
- The Ohio State University
- University of Tennessee
- Texas A&M University
- Virginia/Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

Winn Feline Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization that funds research into health issues affecting cats. Winn Feline Foundation is partnering with the San Francisco Foundation, manager for the George Sydney and Phyllis Redman Miller Trust, to make funds available for feline health studies.

- The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, August 30, 2019.
- Winn Feline Foundation will make recommendations for awards to its partner, the George and Phyllis Miller Trust at The San Francisco Foundation. Protocol budgets are not limited to Winn Foundation's traditional ceiling of \$25,000.
- We anticipate making recommendations for grants with budgets up to \$35,000, and awards will be determined in November 2019. Only proposals that can be completed within 1-2 years will be considered.
- Projects should have discrete and achievable goals within the \$35,000 limit. They must demonstrate their relevance or benefit to domestic cats.
- Continuation of Miller Trust and Winn grants awarded in 2018 and 2019 will be considered and requests should follow the procedure below.
- Studies applicable to all cats are encouraged. Winn Feline Foundation is also interested in projects that address issues in individual cat breeds, nutrition and behavior.
- Applicants may be faculty veterinarians, post-doctoral fellows, practicing veterinarians or veterinary students.

To apply for a Winn Feline Foundation grant, submit your electronic proposal as ONE complete Microsoft Word document to [grants@winnfelinefoundation.org](mailto:grants@winnfelinefoundation.org) to be received no later than Friday, August 30, 2019. Proposals submitted in separate pieces will not be reviewed. The Primary Investigator and Grant Administrator will receive a confirmation email once the document is received.

**Summary Guidelines** (The proposal must include the following information in the order listed):

#### I. Cover Page (maximum one page):

You MUST use the cover page template located at [www.winnfelinefoundation.org/grants/grant\\_process](http://www.winnfelinefoundation.org/grants/grant_process) and include the following information:

- Title of the proposed study.
- Name, institution, email, and regular mailing address of all primary investigators and a list of co-investigators.
- Agency/Institution, mailing address, institution's EIN Number (US applicants only), grant administrator name/email for the agency to which the grant would be payable.
- Amount requested.
- Signature of the principal investigator and appropriate grant administrator.

**II. Scientific Summary** (maximum 250 words): Scientific abstract suitable for veterinary journals describing the purpose and background of the study.

**III. Lay-language Abstract** (maximum 250 words): Abstract in simple non-technical language for use in Winn Feline Foundation's press releases, newsletters and website geared towards the general public.



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**IV. Continuation Studies** (maximum 3 pages): If the proposal is a continuation of a Winn funded study, include a progress report of the current study.

**V. Study Proposal** (maximum 3 pages, not including references):

- Background (including preliminary data) that clearly addresses study objectives and hypotheses.
- Include precise reasons for experimental design, number of animals needed, expected outcome, possible limitations to study and alternative approaches. A table outlining and explaining abbreviations used in the proposal is recommended.
- It is highly 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.

**VI. Timeline** (maximum one page): Provide a detailed estimate of time to complete the work.

**VII. Itemized Budget with Justification** (maximum one page):

- The final numbers on the budget page must match the amount requested on the cover page. Include a list of any other current sources of funding and/or related grants requested.
- Applicant must provide an estimate on how much time each investigator will spend on the project, as well as their role.
- Indicate and justify a percent effort on this grant for all individuals, such as technicians, graduate students, etc. for whom funds are requested.
- The Foundation does not fund salaries of investigators, major equipment expenditures, travel, publication or indirect costs.  
Salaries, supplies, and animal care costs not justified may be deleted from the budget.

**VIII. Animal Involvement Justification:** Studies must meet stringent humane standards of care when animals are involved. For additional information, please download Winn Humane Use of Animal Guideline (revised 2015) at:

<http://www.winnfelinefoundation.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/winn-humane-use-of-animals-guidelines---2015-revised.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

If applicable, provide a description of the animal care unit at the investigator's facility, including certifications held (such as IACUC guidelines), and plans for maintenance of animals during and after the study (maximum 1 page). Humane treatment of animals is of utmost importance to Winn Feline Foundation and will be reviewed closely.

**IX. References** (maximum 2 pages): Include complete pertinent literature references. All references should include full citations including titles.

**X. Curriculum Vitae** (maximum 2 pages each): Provide curriculum vitae for every primary investigator.

**XI. Consent Forms and Questionnaires:** If applicable, studies requiring client consent or questionnaires must include the proposed consent form and questionnaires as examples.

Investigators receiving a grant award are REQUIRED to credit Winn Feline Foundation in any and all publications arising from this research. Copies of all publications arising from this project should be submitted to the Foundation on or before the time of publication.

A progress report of the funded project is REQUIRED every January 10th following the receipt of the grant award until the final project report is submitted. Failure to submit progress/final reports will delay any possible future funding.



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## NEW FELINE INVESTIGATOR GRANT AWARD AVAILABLE:

Winn Feline Foundation established a **New Feline Investigator Grant Award** in 2017. Winn will consider eligible candidates' research proposals at the Miller Trust review in October. Candidates must be from one of the eleven universities listed on page one eligible to apply for a Miller Trust grant.

One grant will be awarded in the amount of \$15,000 with \$13,000 available for research and \$2,000 available for travel expenses to present the study results at a major veterinary conference.

**Eligibility:** Candidates for the award must be in a DVM, Masters and/or PhD program pathway at a college or school of veterinary medicine which currently applies for grants from Winn for the Miller Trust grant review along with having an interest and working in feline health research. The candidate must be the primary principal investigator on the project and should select the application **YES** box for the New Feline Investigator Award on the 2018 Miller Trust Grant cover sheet.

The guidelines related to types of health studies, format and progress reports/publications would apply to this award in the same manner as other Miller Trust grant awards. Winn will also require the acceptance of a written agreement to release funding for this award.