

2026 SPRING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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 embrace the One Health model as a critical tool in achieving our vision. EveryCat awards grants to scientists and professionals in research which concerns the origins of feline illness, diagnosis of feline diseases, development of effective treatments, and the identification of disease prevention strategies.

EveryCat's work worldwide has funded over \$11 million in cat health research at more than 30 partner institutions. Grant funding is made possible through the generosity of dedicated donors, collaborators, and sponsors.

EveryCat offers two grant cycles per year, Spring and Fall. These cycles are open to all proposals. Awarded grants will be made in accordance with the funds available and under the stipulations of our donors.

The **Grant Proposal Submission Portal** will open for the Spring 2026 grant proposals on **Monday, September 29th, 2025**. Grant submission deadline is **Friday, January 9th, 2026, 11:59 pm EST**. *The Spring Grant Awards will be announced in May of 2026.*

Grant application format information, grant proposal checklist, RFP guidelines, and additional grant proposal resources can be found on the [EveryCat website](#). Grant proposals must be completed in the grant software utilized by EveryCat. Completed proposals must also be submitted to grants@everycat.org in both PDF and Word file formats – and must include all elements/parts of the application.

- The maximum grant amount is \$50,000. Proposals totaling more than \$50,000 will not be considered. Continuation of studies funded in previous years will be considered and requests should follow the format as outlined below.
- Projects should have discrete and achievable goals within the \$50,000 limit. Projects must demonstrate relevance or benefit to improving domestic feline health and/or be applicable to domestic companion cats.
- Applicants may be researchers in the field of veterinary medicine, faculty veterinarians, post-doctoral fellows, practicing veterinarians or veterinary students. PhDs in other scientific and medical specialties are eligible to apply for EveryCat grants however it is recommended that they collaborate with researchers and clinical scientists in the veterinary medical field.
- The Joan Miller New Feline Investigator Grant Award is also available. For complete award eligibility, see page #4 of this document.

Studies applicable to all domestic cats and all aspects pertaining to feline health are encouraged, including shelter medicine, nutrition, and behavior.

EveryCat has dedicated research funds for various medical conditions and specific breeds.

Information on all Special Funds can be found [HERE](#).

Additionally, EveryCat holds funds which are available for grants to researchers at specific universities, irrespective of the nature of feline health research (The George Sydney and Phyllis Redmond Miller Trust).

The complete list of eligible universities can be found [HERE](#).

A grant proposal checklist can be found [HERE](#). Completion of each item on the checklist is mandatory. 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.

There is no restriction on the number of pages that can be submitted.

SUMMARY GUIDELINES

All attachments uploaded to the grant submission software must use PDF format only.

Grant proposal submissions must 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.
 - 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, rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount.
 - Signature of the principal investigator and appropriate grant administrator.
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 funded study, include a progress or final report of the previous study.
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 both PDF and Word 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 or objective.
 - Study design - number of animals needed, expected outcome, possible limitations to study and alternative approaches.
 - Statistics - Include precise reasons for experimental design, number of animals needed, expected outcome, possible limitations to study and alternative approaches. If the statistics worksheet provided in the grant software is not applicable to the study design, provide a detailed reason for the omission.
 - 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 \$1000 without written justification or explanation.
 - Include a list of any other current sources of funding and/or related grants requested.
 - Applicants must provide an estimate of how much time each investigator 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 investigators, major equipment expenditures, travel, or indirect costs. Up to \$2,000 can be budgeted for publication costs. Salaries, supplies, and animal care costs not clearly justified may be deleted from the budget.
- Round Budget to the nearest dollar amount, not to the nearest \$1000 amount.

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 (such as IACUC guidelines), 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. Where available, include hyperlinks to references.

12. Curriculum Vitae – Provide a curriculum vitae for each primary investigator 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.

PUBLICATIONS and PROGRESS REPORTS

Investigators receiving a grant award are REQUIRED to credit EveryCat Health Foundation in 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. For a one-year grant award, a progress report for the project is required every six months following the Start Date until the final project report is submitted. For a two-year grant, a progress report for the project is required every twelve months following the Start Date until the final project report is submitted.

Failure to submit progress/final reports will delay and may compromise any possible future funding. EveryCat requires acceptance of a written agreement to provide funding.

The 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 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.

The Joan Miller New Investigator Grant Award will be awarded to qualified investigators in the maximum amount of \$25,000, *with \$23,000 available for research and \$2,000 available for travel expenses to present the study results at a major veterinary conference.*

Eligibility. Candidates for the Joan Miller New Feline Investigator Grant award must be recently appointed (< 2 years) university research associates or assistant professors (or equivalent positions outside of the United States), post-doctoral fellows, or veterinary students in a DVM or PhD program at a college or school of veterinary medicine. Candidates must be the primary principal investigator for the project and should have an interest in pursuing a future career in feline health research.

Grant proposals submitted for amounts over \$25,000 will NOT be eligible for consideration for the New Investigator Award.

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

To be considered for the Joan Miller New Investigator Grant Award, the New Feline Investigator box must be checked in the grant portal at the time of the grant submission.

EveryCat Health Foundation welcomes and promotes diversity and inclusion for all who are seeking to create, support, deliver and share the science of understanding, healing, curing, and caring for every cat, every day.