CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Center for Companion Animal Studies
Young Investigator Award Program-2018

The Center for Companion Animal Studies currently has approximately $60,000 in pledges to support companion animal research that involves PVM students. These monies were given by a number of corporate sponsors, including Bayer Animal Health, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Ceva Animal Health, SCAVMA-Hill’s Pet Nutrition, IDEXX Laboratories, Nestle Purina Pet Care, Zoetis Animal Health, Merck Animal Health, International Veterinary Seminars, Royal Canin, Veterinary Centers of America, Vetoquinol, and Virbac as well as private donors. We are currently in a fund raising drive to further endow the program and so if you know any potential donors, please contact Dr. Lappin (mlappin@colostate.edu).

The donations are unrestricted and so any research project is potentially fundable. Each proposal should include a DVM student as a co-investigator; it is expected that this person will be the primary author or coauthor on any resultant publication. **Priority points are assigned to proposals on which the PVM student participated as an author.** Proposals from interns, residents, or graduate students in the Department of Clinical Sciences can be accepted, but must include a faculty sponsor. Proposals from DVM students with a faculty sponsor from other CVMBS departments are acceptable but projects with clinical application will receive priority consideration.

Proposals are due to Ms. Jennifer Hawley (jrhawley@colostate.edu) by 8 am, Monday March 5, 2018 and must be submitted electronically as an email attachment. The grant should be written in Word and **converted to a PDF** to preserve your formatting and then emailed. Jennifer will acknowledge receipt of all grants by return email on or before Tuesday, March 6, 2018. **If you have not received a confirmation email by that time, contact Jennifer immediately by email or phone (297-4026).** The grant review committee anticipates announcing the funded projects by March 15, 2017.

Grants up to $5,000 will be considered for funding. **Preference will be given to clinical research projects that can be completed while the participating DVM student is still a student at CSU and for which the results are likely to publishable at least as a scientific abstract at CVMBS Research Day, 2019.** Use of research animals is acceptable but priority consideration will be given to projects that do not require euthanasia.

Please use the following instructions in the preparation of your proposal. Use 1 inch margins, single-spaced, with Times New Roman 12 point font throughout. **Proposals that do not conform will have points deducted in the proposal ranking formula.**
1. Title page listing the authors, degrees, and current positions, contact information for the principal investigator, and a scientific abstract (250 words maximum).

2. Summary of the proposal (2 pages maximum)
   a. Introduction and importance
   b. Hypotheses and objectives
   c. Experimental design including methods of analysis
   d. Proposed time line
   e. Publication and future funding plan (if applicable)

3. Budget and justification (1 page maximum). Describe the source of shared funding if applicable. **The total budget can exceed $5,000 but please explain clearly where the difference over $5,000 will be funded (faculty start up funds etc.)** If you are planning to submit a College Research Council proposal for the same work, please state how this funding would relate to that proposal. Please be detailed in your budget. It is acceptable to use the budget to support your student’s salary or travel for the student to pick up clinical samples etc.. In general student salaries do not exceed $14 per hour.

4. References (no page limitation).

5. Description of the planned DVM student role (1 page maximum). **Please indicate in this section whether the student was involved in the development of the research idea and was involved in writing the grant.** Grants that do not have a DVM student identified at time of submission are acceptable. Dr. Lappin maintains a list of students that are interested in clinical research and so please contact Dr. Lappin if you are in search of a student.

6. Final report on your 2016 and 2017 Young Investigator Grants, if applicable (1 page maximum). **If any author of your proposal was on a funded grant either year, you must provide a report.** If the previous work lead to a publication (CVMBS Research Day abstract, other scientific abstract, or manuscript), please provide the citing. If you used the results as pilot data in the submission of a larger internal or external grant, please describe.

7. After the grants to be funded have been selected, appropriate Colorado State University approvals must be obtained. If research animals are used, you will likely need IACUC approval and your faculty member should help you with this. If you are using client-owned animals, you will need an exemption from IACUC and approval by the Clinical Review Board which includes a client consent form. Instructions for these steps can be found at the following webpage:

   http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/clinsci/faculty_staff_resources.html.

   For each of the funded projects, a final report is due 1 year after grants are awarded. It is the responsibility of the faculty sponsor to make sure the final reports are submitted. Submitted or published abstracts or manuscripts should be included. If your previous study has not been completed, please provide an updated time line and publication plan.
If you have questions, please contact Dr. Michael R. Lappin at the email address above, at 297-0313, or at 481 8586 (cell). The titles of the grants over the last several years are posted on the website. http://csu-cvmbs.colostate.edu/vth/veterinarians/research/companion-animals/