

WALTHAM FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS 2009

Overview

- The WALTHAM Foundation is a non-charitable organisation which funds research into nutrition, health, behaviour and welfare of companion animals around the world.
- The Foundation will only sponsor RESEARCH projects. It will not provide funding for example for student travel or college scholarships or charitable activities that do not involve research.
- It is expected that recipients of a WALTHAM Foundation award will work at a university or research institute that provides basic research facilities, and will publish their research in scientific journals so that companion animals around the world benefit from the research.
- These are competitive grants; applications will be considered based upon their scientific merit and compliance with ethical standards. Unfortunately we receive far more applications each year than we can fund, so please do not be discouraged should your proposal not be selected in any given year.
- WALTHAM Foundation grants of a maximum value of \$15,000 will be awarded to commence from 1 July 2009. You will be assigned a WALTHAM contact for assistance and updates. Research should be completed by July 1 2011.
- The project may be part of an existing programme, but the application should be for a clearly defined piece of original research.
- Successful applicants will be required to provide project reports every 6 months during the study and within 3 months of completing the research.

The foundation will NOT sponsor the following;

- Research into surgical procedures, pharmacological studies, toxicological studies or those studies that are likely to lead to the development of a drug or vaccine.
- Research into non-pet species (such as farm or wild animals) unless it is clearly stated how it is of relevance to these companion animals species.
- Research that causes suffering or results in euthanasia of the animals involved, or studies whose subjects have clinical conditions which have been artificially induced.
- Any non-research proposals including students' scholarships for travel or academic courses; donations to charitable organisations or for charitable work.
- Applications for sums greater than \$15,000.

Language

- The application form should be submitted in English, as the reviewing panel will be conducted in English. However, applications in Thai, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Spanish or Portuguese may be submitted three months prior to the English deadline for translation.

Closing date - Signed and dated applications must be received at the Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition by **1 February 2009**

- Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by e-mail
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal in May 2009.

Applications can be sent;

- a) Electronically to waltham.foundation@waltham.com,
- b) By fax to + 44 1664 415440 to The WALTHAM Foundation, WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition

Guidelines for completing the application form

- Application forms should ideally be type written using an easily readable font (a minimum of Times roman 11 Pitch or Arial 10 pitch).
- If you reproduce the application form in your own word-processing package, the same wording and layout as used in this form must be used.
- The application form must not exceed four sides of A4.

1. Title of study

Please make this as brief as possible and no more than 2 lines of legible text.

2. Title, first name, surname & job title of principal author

Please fill in title, first name, surname (family name) and job title in this order, of the person to whom all correspondence should be addressed

E.g. Dr. Anne Other

3. Title, first name, surname & job title of all other applicants

Information should be given in the stated order.

4. Contact details

This is the address (including country and postal/zip code), telephone number (please include country code), fax number and e-mail address of the principal applicant.

5. Address(es) at which study will be conducted if different from above

- If the proposed study is field based, please identify the address from which this will be based
- If the study is likely to be conducted at more than one research centre, please identify each centre.

6. Summary of relevant experience of principal applicant

This should include key positions held and relevant research experience.

7. Relevant publications by principal applicant or research group

Include full details (maximum 3)

8. Duration of study

- Please note that projects must be completed by 1 July 2011.

9. Budget breakdown

- Provide a **complete and detailed** breakdown of the budget (the total should add up to that given in section 9) e.g. animals, husbandry care, animal diets, consumables, etc.
- Funding will not be provided for travel and accommodation unless it is for essential fieldwork. It will not support travel and subsistence or registration for scientific meetings / conference / workshops. Nor will funding be provided for the purchase of equipment or computers.
- Overheads / University indirect costs combined must not exceed 20 % of the total sum requested, even though the Waltham Foundation is NOT a charitable organisation.
- Please identify and give a breakdown of other sources of funding required to complete this study.

11. Project proposal (max 3 sides of A4 paper)

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All studies should include the following.

- Brief background to the study;
- Aims and hypothesis;
- Experimental design including materials and methods.
- A summary of the key outcomes, possible applications and benefit of this study for companion animals

Where animals or animal tissue is included in the study, please state

- Number of animals involved in the study and how you have derived this number i.e. statistical validity. What alternatives to using animals have you considered and why have you chosen not to use these? Please describe how you are minimising the impact of your study on any animal involved.
- Source of animals (e.g. whether they are client-owned, a university resource, shelter animals etc)
- Housing and husbandry conditions (including diet and supplements being fed)
- Fate of animals at the end of the study (we will not support any study that results in the death of an animal)
- For clinical studies, state how sufficient clinical cases will be obtained
- Where animals are client-owned, it should be made clear in the protocol that the owners will be asked to give written consent for the participation of their pet in the study and are fully aware of all procedures their pet (or samples from the pet arising from clinical evaluation) will be undergoing

12. Statement of animal welfare, signature and date

Application forms will only be accepted if they contain the signature of the key contact and are dated.

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1. Title of study	
2. Title, first name, surname and job title of principal applicant	
3. Title, first name, surname and job title of all other applicants	
4. Contact details for principal applicant: include address, country, telephone, fax, e-mail	
5. Address (es) at which study will be conducted if different from above.	
6. Summary of relevant experience of principal applicant	
7. Relevant references of principal applicant or research group	
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8. Duration of study	
9. Total sum requested	US \$
10. Budget breakdown – please be as specific and accurate as possible	

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11. Project proposal (no more than three A4 pages)

Summary of the key outcomes, possible applications and benefit of this study for companion animals

12. I confirm that every effort will be made to ensure that studies will not result in pain or suffering of participating animals and that no animals will be euthanased as a result of this study

Signature of principal applicant

Date