

ECVCP Research Grant

Guidelines, Terms and Conditions and Application Form

Scope of the award

This scheme will be open to active ECVCP Diplomates (who have paid their annual ECVCP Diplomat fees in a timely manner) only. The aim of this award is to support the production of evidence-based research in our discipline, thus providing an opportunity for Diplomates to collect points towards their re-accreditation by presenting their findings at the ECVCP congress and publishing their work in a peer reviewed journal.

The maximum value of the grant will be €5000. Grants requesting funds less than the maximum value will also be considered. The maximum duration of the grant will be 2 years after the start date of the grant.

The grant will be solely for the purchase of consumables and/or specialist techniques or procedures, and/or article publication charges in a peer reviewed journal. The grant cannot be used for 1) travel, 2) salary, or 3) materials or products not directly related to the submitted research project proposal.

Application

Applications can be made by completion of the application form below in English. Completed application forms should be sent to the ECVCP Secretariat (secretariat@ecvcp.org) by 4pm on the closing date. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Queries regarding grant applications should be directed to the ECVCP Treasurer (ecvcp.treasurer2017@gmail.com).

Dates

The closing date for applications will be 31st August 2020, and the earliest start date for the grant will be 1st January 2021. Notification of the outcome of your application will be made by email by 1st November 2020.

Considerations by the panel

The ECVCP Board will appoint an ECVCP Research Grant Awarding Committee (GAC) who be responsible for ranking the proposals according to the criteria below, however the final decision to fund these proposals will be made by the ECVCP Board, whose decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Members of the GAC will not be eligible to apply for an ECVCP Research Grant. The members of the GAC will be blinded to the identity of the applicant(s).

The GAC will rank applications on the basis of:

1. Originality of the research proposal and likely impact on the practice of evidence based veterinary medicine (preferably clinical pathology)
2. Rigour, study design (including statistical analysis), ethical considerations of the research proposal
3. Likelihood of success (i.e. end publication) of the project
4. Realistic estimation of costs

5. Size of the grant

Terms and conditions

1. The ECVCP Treasurer shall offer the awardee the award by email.
2. The awardee will accept the award in writing (by email) no more than 4 weeks after the initial offer.
3. Following receipt of their acceptance, the ECVCP treasurer shall pay 75% of the award directly to the awardee or to their nominated trustee (e.g. an academic institution or company).
4. The final 25% (or outstanding amount if less than 25%) of the award will be paid upon receipt and approval by the ECVCP Board (via Treasurer) of an adequate end of study report.
5. The end of study report will include sections including; outline of the project, study results, outcomes and impacts (including presentations and publications), challenges found during the project and their mitigations, and breakdown of costs (including receipts). This final report should be received no later than 2 years following the start date of the award.
6. The awardee will be required to submit their findings as an abstract for presentation (poster or oral) at an ECVCP/ESVCP conference within 3 years of the end of the project.
7. The awardee will be required to publish the research in a peer-reviewed scientific journal within 4 years of the end of the project
8. Ethical approval for studies involving animals and informed owner consent for studies involving animal tissues must be obtained before data collection begins.

Application for ECVCP Research Grant

Applicant	
Qualifications	
Current Post	
Work Address	
E-mail address (mandatory)	

Co-applicants Name(s) & e-mail address(es)		
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Title of Project	
Proposed start date	
Duration (up to max. 2 years)	

The grant awarding committee will be blinded to the identity of the applicant(s) during the review process, therefore please try to ensure that the following sections of the application are completed in a manner which maintains the anonymity of the applicant as much as possible. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected.

Lay Summary – maximum 200 words. Give an outline of your study that is understandable to a veterinarian who is not a specialist in your field.

Research question (Objectives) – maximum 200 words

What is the question that is being asked / answered? (include any hypotheses and details of the study aims and objectives)

Background – maximum 500 words

Include details of why you are interested in answering this research question and why that question is important. It is helpful if you describe what is already known and not known in the peer-reviewed literature (please include relevant references). Preliminary data can also be included here.

Study Design (Methods) - maximum 500 words

Clearly describe your proposed study design (methodology) and the study population. Include details of how participants will be recruited, inclusion and exclusion criteria and any steps you will take to reduce potential bias. Include details of sample size calculation. Where cases are to be recruited to the study give some indication that the recruitment is feasible, for example by reference to past

caseload. Include details of what outcomes you will assess at which time points. Include details of statistical or other analyses.

What are the possible impacts of this research? – maximum 300 words

Has funding for this project been sought elsewhere?

Please give details including when you expect to hear back

Expenditure

Please provide breakdown of proposed expenditure in Euros. The grant will be solely for the purchase of consumables and/or specialist techniques or procedures, and/or article publication charges in a peer reviewed journal. The grant cannot be used for 1) travel, 2) salary, or 3) materials or products not directly related to the submitted research project proposal.

	Year 1	Year 2	Total
Consumables – please specify			
Equipment or procedures – please specify			
Other costs – please specify			
Total			