Refinement Research Award Application

Animal Welfare Institute

All fields marked with * are required and must be filled.

When submitting your application, please have the following documents ready to upload:

1. Resume/CV. We require a resume or curriculum vitae (CV) for the applicant and any other person(s) involved in project design, data collection, or analysis.
2. Letter(s) of support. The letter(s) should indicate institutional support for the project (i.e., your department chair or direct supervisor) and support for implementing the results (if applicable).
3. A file containing figures (if applicable). Please make sure that each figure has an appropriate description.

Please note: If your proposal requires IACUC or ACC approval (in the United States or Canada, respectively), you will need to provide the title and protocol number soon after notification of selection of your proposal. Only selected proposals will need to submit proof of IACUC or ACC approval.

 The list of winners and a brief (1 sentence) description of their project will be published on AWI's website and in the *AWI Quarterly* magazine. Submission of this application represents consent to these terms.

If you have any questions about this award program or the application, please email researchaward@awionline.org.

Contact Information

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Application Criteria

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Please confirm that the study's conclusions could be applicable to animals used in experimentation. *

○ I confirm

Please confirm that killing of animals is not required as part of the methodology or outcome measures for this project. *

○ I confirm

Study Information

All fields marked with * are required and must be filled.

1. Proposal Title *

2. Study Duration (in months) *

ex: 2

Refinement Research Award recipients will not be funded for more than 12 months.

3. Proposal Abstract *

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Your abstract should concisely state the goal of your proposal, how you intend to achieve that goal, and how that goal will improve the lives of animals in experimentation.

Study Information Continued

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4. Detailed Research Proposal *

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Describe your research proposal in detail, including personnel involved, all methods of data collection and analysis, and animal involvement. Please make sure to include the following information:

- State the problem: Start by describing the problem or knowledge gap that your research proposal is seeking to address.
- Specific aims: Clearly describe each of your research objectives.
- Animals: Please describe the number of animals and their species; please use common species names wherever possible.
- Methods: Clearly and concisely state the methods you will use to accomplish each objective. Describe the independent and dependent variables, how confounds will be addressed (if applicable), if randomization or blinding will be performed, and any other relevant methodological elements. Remember, your proposal may be reviewed by people unfamiliar with your research, so it is important to write clearly.
- Analysis: Please describe your outcome measures and how you will determine success of the refinement. If you have a data analysis plan in place, please describe it here.
- Rehoming: AWI encourages rehoming animals. If efforts will be made to rehome at the end of the study, please describe that process here.

If your proposal requires figures, please attach them at the end of this application.

5. How will the results of your proposal benefit animals in experimentation? *

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If the research project will be conducted at a zoo, sanctuary, shelter, or other facility that does not experiment on animals, please discuss how the results of the study would have implications for animals used in experimentation.

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6. Will your project include the use of any invasive procedures or conditions that are otherwise considered deleterious to welfare (e.g., single housing of social animals)? *

◯ Yes

◯ No

For the purposes of this proposal, the term "invasive research" is used to describe anything done to the animal beyond simply holding them. Your proposal will not be disqualified if it involves an invasive procedure or risk of harm; however, it will receive additional scrutiny. If you have questions about the invasiveness of your procedures with respect to this proposal, please contact researchaward@awionline.org.

If "Yes," please provide a brief description of these procedures or conditions, as well as steps taken to minimize distress.

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Budget

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7. Please provide a detailed description of your budget for this research. If other funds are being used for the project, please describe their source and the additional amount. *

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- AWI offers awards of up to US$15,000.
- Salaries or stipends may be included in the budget.
- AWI policy does not allow funds to be used for indirect costs (e.g., no overhead costs).
- Funds may not be used to purchase animals, unless the animals will be rehomed (e.g., adopted into a home or sanctuary) at the end of the project.

Submit Files

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CV/Resume *

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Miscellaneous

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(e.g., figures, budget details, etc.)

IACUC or ACC approval

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(if applicable and already available)

You will be able to submit after reviewing your answers

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