



Animal Welfare Institute

Implementing Refinement Grant Application

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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) directly involved in the implementation of this refinement.
2. Letter(s) of support. The letter(s) should indicate support from the appropriate authority within the institution/facility for the implementation of the proposed refinement. For example, depending on your institution/facility, this may be the facility manager, the investigator whose animals will be impacted, or the facility veterinarian.
3. Quotes/invoices for costs in budget request (where applicable).
4. 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 (one sentence) description of each 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 grant program or the application, please email implementationgrant@awionline.org.

Contact Information

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Full Name *

Job Title *

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Street Address Line 2

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Zip Code/Postal Code

United States

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(000) 000-0000

Please enter using the following format: (000) 000-0000

Thank you for providing your contact information to AWI.

For all remaining questions, please do your best to omit any identifying information (e.g., institution, program, or researcher name). You may refer to an institution/program/researcher in general terms.

Your proposal will be scored by third-party, independent reviewers. To ensure an unbiased review, all identifying information will be removed from your application before sending it for review. By omitting identifying information throughout the rest of the application, you help us protect your anonymity during the review process.

(Identifying information can remain in uploaded CV/resumes, letter(s) of support, and invoices/quotes. These documents are used for AWI's purposes and are not sent to reviewers.)

Application Criteria

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

Please confirm that the requested equipment/training is a true refinement (i.e., that it will improve animals' quality of life above and beyond meeting their basic needs). *

☐ I confirm

Requests for basic husbandry or medical care equipment/training that should be provided *de facto* by the institution are not eligible for funding.

Please confirm that killing of animals is not required for implementation of this refinement. *

☐ I confirm

Will this refinement be implemented in a laboratory or research facility? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "No", please provide a brief rationale detailing the setting in which this refinement will be implemented and how it will help to improve the welfare of animals used in experimentation.

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Proposal Information

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

1. Proposal Title *

2. Implementation Timeline (in months) *

ex: 2

Recipients are expected to implement the proposed refinement within 12 months of receiving the grant

3. Proposal Summary (Abstract) *

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Your short summary should concisely state what refinement you wish to implement and why, and how this refinement will benefit animals used in experimentation.

4. Please indicate how the funds requested in this proposal will be used: *

- ☐ Purchase equipment
- ☐ Training for staff
- ☐ Both of the above
- ☐ Neither (e.g., salary only)

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A. How long is the equipment expected to last? *

☐ Less than 1 year

☐ 1-2 years

☐ 3-5 years

☐ 5+ years

B. Can the equipment be re-used with another group of animals? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please explain why the equipment can or cannot be used with another group of animals. *

C. Have you used this equipment before? Please describe your experience using this particular equipment as a refinement strategy. *

Depending on the complexity of the proposed refinement and/or your existing expertise using such equipment, AWI may choose initially to fund the purchase of a smaller amount of equipment for you to pilot/trial before funding the rest. If needed, you will be allowed to modify the details of this proposal after piloting/trialing the equipment.

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A. What is the name of this training? *

E.g., name of the workshop or course

B. Who is providing this training? *

Name of the organization and/or individual(s) providing the training

C. How many persons from your institution/facility are expected to attend this training? *

D. Please list the position(s) of the person(s) from your institution/facility who are expected to attend this training. *

E.g., animal care technician, veterinarian, laboratory manager, PI, research assistant, IACUC/ACC member, etc.

E. Please provide the URL where this training is listed and described.

If this training isn't described online, you must attach a file that contains this information at the end of this application form.

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5. Detailed Proposal *

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Describe in detail the refinement you wish to implement, making sure to include the following information:

- Explain why this particular refinement is important, and how it will improve the welfare of animals in experimentation.
- State the approximate number of animals and the species this refinement will benefit.
- Clearly describe the steps you will take to implement this refinement successfully.

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

6. Reference List

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If your Detailed Proposal included in-text citations, please provide a list of references.

7. Is there risk of harm to any animal(s) during this project? When answering, consider the following: 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)? Is there potential for any animal(s) to be harmed as a result of implementing the refinement (e.g., risk of injury caused by social introductions or by a new enrichment device)? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

For the purposes of this proposal, the term “invasive research” is used to describe anything done to the animal beyond observing or 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 implementationgrant@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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8. Will your project require IACUC/ACC approval? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Budget

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

9. Please provide a detailed description of your budget (in USD) for implementing this refinement. We ask that you request the minimum amount required to successfully conduct your work, so that AWI can fund as many projects as possible. *

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- AWI offers grants of up to US\$8,000.
- Salaries or stipends may be included in the budget.
- Costs to disseminate the results are not covered (e.g., publication fees, conference registration fees, travel to a conference to present the results).
- 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 or retired to a sanctuary) at the end of the project.
- AWI reserves the right to not fund expenses it deems unnecessary or superfluous.
- Please provide conversions to USD where applicable.
- If funds other than those requested here are being used, please describe their source and the additional amount.

Please attach quotes/invoices (where applicable) for expenses over \$100 at the end of the application.

Submit Files

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

CV/Resume(s) *



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We require a CV/resume for the applicant and any other person(s) involved in project.

Letter(s) of support *



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Figures



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Quotes/invoices



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Training description



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This is required if your proposed refinement involves training for staff and you did not provide a URL in the appropriate field

Other



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(e.g., IACUC/ACC approval if applicable and already available)

You will be able to submit after you review your answers

