

Morris Animal Foundation - Request for Proposals for Equine Behavior Relating to Mental Health and Welfare

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Morris Animal Foundation

Program

Equine Behaviour

Description

This grant is being funded by Dr. Wendy Koch, who has supported Morris Animal Foundation for 30 years, making her first gift to support animal health studies in 1991. Dr. Koch was born loving horses. She became interested in animal behavior at an early age, pursuing her undergraduate studies in that field. Dr. Koch qualified as a veterinarian in 1981 and began a career in animal welfare with the federal government in 1990. She became board certified in animal welfare in 2016. Dr. Koch has closely followed equine behavior and welfare research and regretted that specific funding available in these fields has been minimal. Working with Morris Animal Foundation, she decided to create a fund with such a focus.

The Foundation is pleased to announce the opportunity to submit pilot study proposals for the study of equine behavior/welfare.

- The focus should be on improving the lives of horses by increasing understanding of the behavioral domain. This includes areas such as ethology, cognition, learning, stereotypies, separation anxiety, affiliative behavior toward (bonding with) humans, the effects of equine temperament on welfare, and equine psychopharmacology. Projects using behavioral measurements simply as a tool to address non-behavioral hypotheses are not of interest.
- Pilot study proposals should be aimed at generating data to prove the viability of a novel approach or idea.
- The project may involve domesticated or wild horses.

More information on the request for proposals can be found in the [Proposal Guidelines](#) [1]document.

Maximum Project Value

The maximum project duration is 12 months, and the budget cannot exceed a total of \$20,000 USD.

Indirect Costs

8%

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Wednesday, March 12, 2025 - 4:30pm	Please submit a word copy of your proposal, along with a signed OR-5 form to research.services@uoguelph.ca [2].
External Deadline	Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - 4:59pm	Applicant submits application via the Fluxx web-page [3].

How to Apply

Applications are submitted through Fluxx Submission.

- The application process includes completion of the online form and proposal attachment. Both the PI and the individual submitting the application (if different from the PI) must create an account before applying for funding. **Your account must be reviewed and validated by Morris Animal Foundation, which may take up to two business days, so please plan to create an account several days prior to the proposal deadline.** For details on how to create an account and submit an application, view the [Fluxx Applicant User Guide](#) [4].

Please see the [Proposal Guidelines](#) [1] document for details on the proposal format, guidelines, and further submission instructions.

For Questions, please contact

For applicant questions not answered by the proposal guidelines or in the [Grants FAQ](#) [5], please reach out to the Scientific Grants Program Team at

grantapplications@morrisanimalfoundation.org [6]

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[1] <https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/sites/default/files/filesync/FY25-DI-Equine-Behavior-Proposal-Guidelines.pdf>

[2] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>

[3] https://maf.fluxx.io/user_sessions/new

[4] <https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/sites/default/files/filesync/Fluxx-Applicant-and-Report-User-Guide.pdf>

[5] <https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/grants-scientific-programs-faqs>

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