



## **MICHIGAN ANIMAL HEALTH FOUNDATION RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL GRANTS**

The Michigan Animal Health Foundation (MAHF) was created to allow those who love animals an opportunity to offer monetary support for critical research and education that benefits the health and welfare of animals. The MAHF offers grants of up to \$10,000 for research or educational projects involving animals.

### **Types of Proposals**

The MAHF encourages submission of all types of proposals concerning animal education, animal health and disease. However, research projects of an applied nature that will rapidly solve problems seen in clinical practice are preferred.

### **Grant Cycle**

Grants are offered once a year. Proposals must be submitted to the Michigan Animal Health Foundation at 2144 Commons Parkway, Okemos, MI 48864-3986 or emailed to [mahf@michvma.org](mailto:mahf@michvma.org) by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Proposals will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees for the relevance of the topic to clinical veterinary medicine. Successful applicants will be notified and presented with the grant monies in two installments.

50% of approved grant monies will be dispersed following grant approval. The remaining 50% will be dispersed once a progress report is received on the project. Upon completion of the research project, the investigator will present the written findings to for distribution in an MVMA publication.

### **Proposals**

Proposals must be submitted on the MAHF application form available on the website at [www.michanimalhealthfoundation.com](http://www.michanimalhealthfoundation.com). Instructions are included, but it is important to realize that the trustees of MAHF may not be familiar with the technical aspects of research; therefore, the abstract must be written in language common to clinical medicine and must point out the relevance of the research to animal health.

### **Budget**

Grants awarded are typically \$5,000-\$10,000. The MAHF will pay the costs of personnel essential to the project, such as technicians and student labor, but will not pay the salary of the principal or co-investigators. Purchase of equipment costing more than \$500 will not be approved. In research projects, supplies must be itemized and justified based on the number of experiments to be performed. The MAHF does not pay university overhead costs.

If the MAHF grant provides only a part of the total cost of a project, the investigator must explain the other sources of funding and why the MAHF funds are essential to the project. The MAHF insists on recognition for its contribution to publications even if it provides only a portion of the total budget.

If the research or educational objectives cannot be achieved as originally proposed, the MAHF must be notified so that a decision can be reached on the disposition of the remaining grant monies.

### **Qualifications of Recipients**

Grants for research projects are made to individuals of the rank of instructor or above. Either the principal investigator or a co-investigator must be in the tenure stream. If the principal investigator is not in the tenure stream, the co-investigator must agree to complete the research should the principal investigator leave the university. These rules do not apply to grants for educational projects.

### **Humane Care of Animals**

In making funding decisions for research projects, the MAHF will consider the humane care of animals being used in the investigations. The facility that houses the animals must be under the control and supervision of a veterinarian and follow the laboratory animal housing standards as stated in the Animal Welfare Act of August 1966, Public Law 89-544 as amended. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee must approve the project prior to submission of the proposal to MAHF and provide a copy of the application and approval letter. Any infraction of and/or deviation from specified standards of care and humane treatment will result in immediate withdrawal of grant money.

### **Submission of Proposals**

Submit the proposal to the Michigan Animal Health Foundation at [mahf@michvma.org](mailto:mahf@michvma.org) or mail to 2144 Commons Parkway, Okemos, MI 48864. Please call 517/347-4710 or email [mahf@michvma.org](mailto:mahf@michvma.org) with questions.