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# Animal Welfare Institute

## Refinement Research Award 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) 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 changes at the institution based on results (if applicable).
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 award program or the application, please email [researchaward@awionline.org](mailto:researchaward@awionline.org).

## Contact Information

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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

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

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

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

**1. Proposal Title \***

**2. Study Duration (in months) \***

Recipients are expected to complete the research study within 12 months of receiving the award

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**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 used in experimentation.

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## 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.

### References

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

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

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If the research project will be conducted at a sanctuary, shelter, zoo, 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 require IACUC/ACC approval? \***

- Yes
- No

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7. 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 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 [researchaward@awionline.org](mailto: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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8. 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 awards of up to US\$15,000.
- 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 not to 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

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CV/Resume \*



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Figures




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Quotes/invoices



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IACUC/ACC approval



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(if applicable and already available)

Other



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**You will be able to submit after reviewing your answers**

