International Council for Veterinary Assessment

ICVA ASSESSMENT GRANT – Letter of Intent

The purpose of an ICVA assessment grant is to support best practices in assessment by validating current practices, discovering new practices, and publishing findings on implementation of assessment practices in veterinary medical education. Proposals that demonstrate capacity in building knowledge of assessment practices and methods (whether pre-clinical or clinical) will be given priority.

The Letter of Intent allows ICVA to gather the appropriate reviewing resources to provide as detailed a review as possible.

Total project budgets should not exceed $10,000 USD and are limited to a period of 2 years. Further information is outlined in the attached Application form.

Suggested areas of interest/themes that may be considered are:
1. Assessing competencies across the curriculum
2. Outcome assessment
3. Assessment of clinical reasoning
4. Assessment of basic science knowledge
5. Assessment of teaching
6. Assessment of selection criteria
7. Other

Criteria - faculty from AVMA accredited schools are encouraged to submit proposals.
Please note, proposals will be scored and evaluated according to three (3) overarching criteria, each with equal weight:
- Quality of the Research
- Feasibility of the Research
- Practical impact on assessment practices in veterinary medicine

Questions regarding the grant competition or inquiries about how best to proceed, please contact Dr. Kent Hecker at khecker@icva.net

Please email completed forms to vgoddard@icva.net

Timelines for the Grant Application Process

- April 1, 2025: Grant announcement
- Letter of Intent due date: June 30, 2025
- Full proposal invitation: August 1, 2025
- Deadline Submission: October 30, 2025: 11:59pm EST
- November-December 2025: Application Review - Applications will be reviewed by a minimum of two (2) ICVA Academic Veterinary Assessment Committee members
- January 2026: Applicants notified of awards

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NAME OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:		
AFFILIATION:		
E-MAIL:		
CO- APPLICANT NAME:	AFFILIATION:	E-MAIL ADDRESS:
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APPLICATION DETAILS	
TITLE:	
PROPOSED START DATE:	PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	

The signatures below certify that the applicant(s) will use the funding only for the purposes indicated in the proposal and corresponding budget. * -NOTE administrative overhead/indirect costs are limited to 10%.

( ) *"I certify that the content is an original idea, and the content, ideas and methodologies were not generated by AI"*

Principal Investigator

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Name   *Signature*   *Date*

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Summary (max. 200 words)
Provide a brief summary of your proposal, describing the significance of the problem, the proposed research/assessment activity, why it is of interest, and the expected outcomes.

Specific Aims/Hypotheses/Research Questions (max. 150 words)
- Define the hypotheses, theoretical framework, aims and/or research questions that will guide your work.

Methods (max. 200 words)
- Describe the methods and procedures that will be used (how the research will be carried out).
- Explain the choice of methodology, the data to be collected, the structure and protocol of experiments (or references to published methodologies), and the analyses to be done (including quantitative/qualitative methods).