



AABP-HTA Hoof Health Research Funding Opportunity

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the Hoof Trimmers Association announce a co-sponsored funding opportunity to support applied research in bovine lameness and hoof health. A total of up to \$25,000 will be granted to support one or more research projects. Funded projects will have the potential to influence routine management and decision-making in commercial settings. This funding opportunity will be administered by the AABP Foundation.

Eligibility: At least one member of the investigative team must be an AABP member in good standing. Research teams that include one or more professional hoof trimmers who are HTA members are strongly encouraged. Veterinary applicants may be practicing veterinarians, veterinarians enrolled in a graduate degree program, veterinary faculty members, or veterinary students under the direction of a licensed veterinarian or veterinary faculty member.

Selection Committee: A joint selection committee consisting of members of the AABP Lameness Committee and the HTA will review submitted applications.

Selection Criteria:

- Qualifications and experience of the investigative team (10%)
- Justification and relevance to the concerns of industry (25%)
- Clarity of objectives and probability of completing the research (10%)
- Methodology and scientific merit (35%)
- Appropriateness of the budget (10%)
- Site suitability for proposed research (10%)

Note: Salary replacement for faculty members, post-docs or graduate students, indirect costs, or scientific equipment **will not** be supported.

Timeline: Application submission will be open for a period of at least sixty (60) days. Successful applicants will be notified within ninety (90) days after the close of the application period. The period of the award shall be for one year. The expected distribution of the award is January 1, 2019.

Project Reports: Successful applicants will be required to submit progress reports six (6) and twelve (12) months after receipt of the award. In addition, a final report must be submitted with eighteen (18) months after receipt of the award. Project reports should detail progress to date relative to stated objectives, available results, and pending work.

Presentation of Results: Investigators must seek publication of research results through an appropriate venue in a timely fashion. Grant recipients will be expected to present their findings at the AABP Annual Convention and/or at the HTA Hoof Health Conference. Applicants may submit travel expenses including transportation and two nights lodging for the AABP conference as part of the project budget. Travel expenses associated with presentation of the results at the Hoof Health Conference will be supported directly by the HTA (they do not need to be included in the project budget). Results of the studies should also be submitted to a peer-reviewed publication upon completion. For each funded project, 20% of the award will be withheld until the results are presented and the article is submitted for publication.

Applications: Applications are submitted online through a 2 step process:

1. Applicants shall complete the online form which includes personal contact information, title of the proposal, and proposed budget. Links to this form are available from the AABP Foundation website (<http://foundation.aabp.org/hoof/hoofform.asp>).
2. Applicants will upload a .pdf document of the final proposal to the website (<http://foundation.aabp.org/hoof/upload/>).
The proposal shall include:
 - **Title**
 - **Lay summary suitable for publication** – maximum 200 words
 - **Description of the Proposed Study** (Maximum of one page):
 - Justification and relevance
 - Study objectives
 - Expected outcomes
 - **Detailed Experimental Protocol** (No more than two pages, including the contributions of each investigator)
 - **Budget** (Including justification for all expenses)
 - **List of Investigators** (Provide a brief (maximum of 2 pages) biographical sketch for each investigator)

Deadline for submission: July 15, 2018

Award recipients will be notified before or during the 2018 AABP Annual Conference.