



## International Council for Veterinary Assessment

### **ICVA GRANT PROGRAM for ASSESSMENT RESEARCH – Letter of Intent**

The purpose of an ICVA assessment grant is to validate current, discover new, implement and support best practices in assessment in veterinary medical education. This includes assessment of students, instructors, and programs. The primary research aims, or questions, must concern educational assessment or measurement issues and does not include technology development, teacher training, and course development. Proposals that demonstrate capacity in advancing knowledge of assessment practices/methods (spanning admissions to continuing veterinary medical education) 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.

Some examples of research topics/themes that may be considered are:

1. Assessing competencies across the curriculum
2. Programmatic Assessment
3. Validating assessment methods for program evaluation
4. Assessment of clinical reasoning
5. Assessment of basic science knowledge
6. Assessment of instructional methods teaching
7. Assessment of selection criteria to veterinary school, residency programs etc.
8. Assessment of interprofessional skills
9. Other assessment related topics or issues

Criteria - faculty from AVMA accredited schools.

Please note, proposals will be scored and evaluated according to three (3) overarching criteria:

- Significance of the assessment research
- Appropriateness of research methods proposed to address the research questions
- Practical impact on assessment practices in veterinary medicine

Questions regarding the grant competition or inquiries about how best to proceed, please contact Jeanne Blasewitz at [jblasewitz@icva.net](mailto:jblasewitz@icva.net).

#### **Timelines for the Grant Application Process**

- May 16, 2022 Grant announcement
- Letter of Intent: June 24, 2022
- Full proposal invitation: July 29, 2022
- Deadline Submission: September 30, 2022 :11:59pm EST
- October 2022: Application Review
  - Applications will be reviewed by a minimum of two (2) ICVA AVAC members
- November 30, 2022: Applicants notified of awards



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Letter of Intent

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%.

Principal Investigator

Name Signature Date



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#### **Introduction to the Assessment Research Problem (max. 200 words)**

Provide a brief outline 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)

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#### **Ethical Considerations (max. 200 words)**

- What are the main ethical risks in your research plan and how will you address them?