

# ECZM GENERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## 1. COST European Cooperation in Science & Technology

Open Call: A simple one-step application process

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Participants are invited to submit COST Action proposals contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal knowledge advancement and development of Europe. Multi- and interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged.

The Open Call Action proposal submission, evaluation, selection and approval (SESA) procedure is fully science and technology-driven and will ensure a simple, transparent and competitive proposal evaluation and selection process, reflecting the bottom-up, open and inclusive principles of COST.

COST does NOT fund research itself, but supports networking via different tools such as meetings, short term scientific missions, training schools and dissemination activities part of COST Actions. COST invites proposals for Actions aiming at contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal knowledge advancement and development of Europe to close the gap between science, policy makers and society throughout Europe and beyond.

Participants planning to submit a proposal for a COST Action will need to refer to the SESA guidelines on the [Documents and Guidelines page](#).

Proposals should reflect the main characteristics of COST Actions, namely providing for knowledge sharing, creation and application, being open and output-oriented while aiming at strengthening the scientific and technological basis of the proposed topic(s). Proposals should also respond to the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness policy, which aims to provide collaboration opportunities to all researchers and innovators in COST countries, encourage participation among young talents and next generation leaders, in particular promoting working opportunities for early career investigators, and ensure gender balance, paving the way towards breakthrough developments and innovations. Proposals will be evaluated against criteria of S&T excellence, networking excellence, impact and implementation.

**The 2024 Collection Date will be 23 October 2024 at 12.00 (noon) CEST.**

An estimated €125,000 is made available for a COST Action in its first year and an average of €150,000 per year for the other 3 years.

45 new Actions are expected to be approved, depending on receipt of sufficient EC budget. The Proposal Template (Technical Annex) is available under <https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-getfunding/documents-and-guidelines4>. The Guidelines for submitting COST Action proposals are available on the same page. Proposals must be submitted electronically via e-COST. Proposers will be able to submit proposals anytime throughout the year via the e-COST new online submission tool. Proposers may wish to contact their COST National Coordinator (CNC) for information and guidance – see [www.cost.eu/cnc](http://www.cost.eu/cnc).

For any questions related to the open call and how to get funding, please contact [\*\*opencall@cost.eu\*\*](mailto:opencall@cost.eu)

**COST actions:**

<https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/open-call/>

## **2. EEA - Norway Grants, Financial Mechanism**

**EEA grants:**

<https://eeagrants.org/apply-for-funding>

## **3. Wild Planet Trust**

**THE WILD PLANET TRUST IS NOT ACCEPTING GRANT PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE LISTED BELOW FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES.**

Please see table below for further information:

Wild Planet Trust awards grants to both UK and overseas projects, and they typically range in value from £500 to £1,500. It is unlikely that the Trust would make an award for more than £1,500.

Applications are considered biannually at a meeting of the Awards Committee. We receive many applications and are pleased to be able to support around 10% of applicants.

**Please note:**

- Following the meeting of the Awards committee, we are only able to contact those applicants who are successful in being awarded funding.
- We are unable to process an application if the supporting documentation has not been received.
- Applications to participate in expeditions arranged by large organisations will not be considered.
- We do not support applications where the total cost of your project exceeds £15,000.

- Retrospective funding (i.e. funding for a project that has already begun) will not be provided for any project.
- All applications and supporting documentation must be written in English.

## **Application process**

There are four steps to the application process:

### **Check your eligibility for funding**

The Awards are open to all, and each application is judged on its own merits, however there are a number of topics that the Awards Committee are particularly interested in, which are detailed below:

- Research into the ecology of rare and threatened species and habitats.
- Projects which aim to encourage increased awareness of ecology, conservation and environmental issues in local communities, and to educate people on how to develop and carry out sustainable management practices in those communities.
- Research into how human activity affects species and habitats, and how any potential human-animal conflict can be managed.
- Projects which aim to design and implement conservation education programmes.
- Research into the welfare and breeding success of animals in captivity.
- We will have a rolling programme of areas of interest for funding, which will change for each round of applications. Please check the top of this page for information on this.

Some examples of successful applications in the past:

- A forest conservation club in Nigeria
- The development of a monitoring programme for threatened frogs of Andasibe, Madagascar
- Research project evaluating the habitat requirements of Sulawesi crested black macaques in Indonesia
- Community-based conservation of Asian elephants in Rakhine Yoma, Myanmar
- Research into nesting material preference in wild dormice
- Monitoring storm impacts on Slapton Sands, Devon
- An investigation into the impact of street lighting on larval feeding and development in the garden tiger moth in Cornwall
- Makgadikgadi brown hyaena project: tackling the problem of conserving large and rare carnivores living in conflict with humans
- Research into the captive management and conservation of the blue crowned laughing thrush
- An investigation into reptile diversity in Quirimbas National Park, Mozambique
- ‘SPLOSH’ community marine festival: raising awareness of climate change and the marine environment.

### **Complete the application form**

Once you have decided to apply, simply complete the online application form. You will also need to send the following supporting documentation with your application form:

- A project description, which will need to include aims, method, outcomes and conservation benefits. This should be no longer than ONE SIDE OF A4.
- A copy of your most recent CV. This should be no longer than TWO SIDES OF A4.
- An independent letter of support for your project. This should be on headed paper and should be from someone who knows you well and who is familiar with your project (see below for further information on this).
- You will be able to upload these documents on the final page of the application form.

For those people who experience problems with the online form, please download the editable PDF application form and email it to us with all the necessary supporting documentation. Please note that this form should only be used if you experience internet connectivity issues. All other applicants should use the online application form.

For those applicants who do not have access to the appropriate internet/email facilities, all documents can be sent by post to the address at the bottom of this page.

### **Contact your referee**

You need to arrange for a referee statement/letter to be submitted on headed paper in support of your application. This should be from someone who knows you well and who is familiar with the project. This can be uploaded with your application form or emailed to us either by yourself or your referee. It can also be sent by post to the address at the bottom of this page if access to the appropriate facilities is not available. If this work will be carried out within an Institution or using its facilities, please provide evidence that they are aware of this, either by using a referee from that institution or by enclosing a separate letter confirming this.

### **Submit your application in time**

The deadline for receipt of applications for the December meeting is **31<sup>st</sup> October** and for the May meeting is **31<sup>st</sup> March**. You will be notified once we have received your completed application form. We prefer applications to be submitted via the online application form but will accept postal applications from those who do not have access to appropriate facilities.

Due to the large volume of applications we receive, we are only able to contact those applicants who have been successful in gaining Wild Planet Trust funding for their project. You can expect to hear back from us within two weeks of the Awards committee meetings, which take place in May and December.

### **Reporting on your project**

Should you be successful in receiving an Award, we will require a progress/final project report from you within eight months of you receiving your Award. This report should be emailed to us. We may wish to publish this report on our website and it may also be made available to

interested parties. Your report will need to acknowledge Wild Planet Trust as a funder and will need to include our logo, a copy of which can be emailed to you. There is no set format or length for the report.

If you do not wish for your full report to be published on our website or be made available to other interested parties, you will also need to provide us with a 150-word summary (for a non-specialist audience) and a photograph if appropriate. This summary may be made available to staff and trustees via our intranet, and to other interested parties. The summary will need to be sent to us with your main report within eight months of you receiving your Award. Your report and project information may also be referred to in our social media posts.

**Wild Planet Trust Grants:**

<https://www.wildplanettrust.org.uk/about-us/grants/>

## **4. The Alongside Wildlife Foundation**

In 2018 The Alongside Wildlife Foundation began a small-grants program to help fund projects that are important yet typically overlooked by most funding agencies and organizations. For example, there have been increasing calls to recognize and appreciate natural history but the necessary research is rarely prioritized; now The Alongside Wildlife Foundation can help fund projects that generate this basic but vital information about the species alongside us. Are you working on implementing science-based strategies that allow people to share landscapes with wildlife? Consider applying. Finally, many scientists and science communicators are facing pressure to reach out and engage with new audiences, but there are few funding opportunities to facilitate and encourage necessary collaborations. Now The Alongside Wildlife Foundation can help.

Beginning in 2022, qualifying projects should be internationally based (outside of the USA). We will continue to support wildlife conservation efforts based in the USA with our growing Land Fund and special initiatives. This is a seed grant program, meaning we prioritize projects that have not yet started or are within their first year. Projects should focus on terrestrial and shoreline-associated animals (including invertebrates). We do not generally fund marine work. We do not fund projects that propose lethal solutions to human/wildlife conflict. We do not fund wildlife rehabilitation work.

If you represent an international or small organization with a limited online presence, The Alongside Wildlife Foundation appreciates independent letters written on your behalf when evaluating your proposal as well as supplementary information that allows us to learn more about your project or institution.

If you are a graduate student, please include a letter of support from your advisor. Letters can either be submitted by you immediately after you submit your application or submitted before the application deadline by your advisor. If you choose to have your advisor submit a letter, please send them the link to the letter submission portal, which you have access to after

submitting your proposal. Files should be saved as YourLastName\_GrantLetter1; YourLastName\_GrantLetter2, etc. prior to uploading.

Please note: we are not a large foundation financially backed by wealthy individuals, organizations, or endowments and we receive many more inquiries than we could possibly fund. We are fully supported by our growing grassroots network of small recurring donors; if you value the work we do (including this grants program) and wish we could do more then I hope you will consider joining this network.

**How to Apply for a Grant – the information on the website has not changed from 2022. Please monitor the website or contact the Alongside Wildlife Foundation for grant application deadlines for 2024.**

If you would like to prepare early, you can find a list of application questions from the 2022 request for proposals on the website.

AWF Grants: <https://alongsidewildlifefoundation.org/grants/>

## **5. European Association of Avian Veterinarians**

### **The EAAV Gylstorff Travel Grant**

The EAAV Gylstorff Travel Grant is a travel fund designated for undergraduate students, doctorate students or PhD candidates, interns and residents in order to allow the learning of new scientific methods or to participate in scientific meetings of the European Association of Avian Veterinarians (EAAV) or cooperating associations. In particular, participation in the International Conference on Avian, Herpetological and Exotic Mammal Medicine (ICARE) is supported. Members of the European Association of Avian Veterinarians (EAAV) are preferred in the selection process.

In principle the Gylstorff Travel Grant partly pays for the travel expenses. The amount paid out derives exclusively from the interest on the capital. There is no maximum to be paid per person. The money is given absolutely, i.e. it is not a loan. Applications need to be submitted by the candidates themselves online through the online application form “Gylstorff Travel Grant” as published on the EAAV website (<https://eaavonline.org/eaav-gylstorff-travel-grant>). It is mandatory to submit a CV, explanation of financial necessity, estimated costs of travel and the purpose the travel grant is intended for. It should include an essay (500 to 700 words) on the travel intention.

**The deadline for applications for the Gylstorff Travel Grant to scientific meetings is the same as the early registration deadline for the conference or at least 8 weeks before the start of the planned travel.**

In return the beneficiaries accept either the duty to publish a scientific paper on the new knowledge gained, to give a talk in the avian session of the upcoming ICARE or to write a report

of the scientific meeting for the benefit of their colleagues printed in the EAAV newsletter. In this report, talk or paper the EAAV needs to be mentioned specifically as the funding source

The Gylstorff Travel Grant is managed by the treasurer of EAAV. Decisions on the grant to be given and on the amount to be distributed are made by the EAAV treasurer, one other EAAV board member and one EAAV advisory board member, both elected by the EAAV president.

### **The EAAV Helga Gerlach Student Prizes**

The EAAV Helga Gerlach Student Prizes formerly named EAAV student session prizes, are awarded for the three top presentations of the competitive student session at the International Conference on Avian, Herpetological and Exotic Mammal Medicine (ICARE). They are intended for students with no more than three years of postgraduate studies giving their first scientific presentation on an international conference. Students already involved in a residency program are excluded from application.

The application must be submitted by the candidates themselves online by submitting an abstract for an oral, scientific presentation and indicating (tick box) that they are eligible as students on the ICARE website (<http://www.icare2019.eu/page/16378/abstract-proposal-submission>).

**Deadlines for submission and notification are the same as for papers submitted for the main program of ICARE.**

The application must include an abstract of MAXIMUM 250 words (excluding title, authors and references) and are expected to be informative. This word limit of submission will ensure all material submitted for review is similar in length and compared/reviewed fairly. All submitted material must be ethically sound, and where appropriate previously approved by an ethics committee. For further information about the abstract, please visit the instructions of the local organizing committee (OC) of ICARE on the webpage <http://www.icare2019.eu/page/16378/abstract-proposal-submission>. All co-authors must agree to the paper submission and must acknowledge about the application.

Places within the competitive student session are limited to 5-7 depending on the decision of the organizing and the scientific committee. Candidates for the EAAV Helga Gerlach Student Prize Session will be selected by the scientific committee for avian medicine during ICARE by blinded review.

Student papers rejected for this competition can still be placed in the main program of ICARE in case they are of higher quality than other papers submitted for the main conference.

The top three presentations are selected during and announced immediately after the competitive student session. The selective committee includes the EAAV Officer for Student Affairs, the chairperson of the scientific committee for avian medicine during ICARE (SC) and one other member of the SC chosen by the chairperson. In each selective committee one person has to be with an academic affiliation and one person has to be a practitioner. In case one of the three is involved in one of the papers submitted, the SC chairperson has to nominate a proxy.

The prizes are awarded by the EAAV President as follows

1st place € 1000 (€ 300 to the student, € 700 to the main affiliation of the project)

2nd place € 500 (€ 200 to the student, € 300 to the main affiliation of the project)

3rd place € 300 (€ 100 to the student, € 200 to main affiliation of the project)

All three recipients are invited to the Gala Dinner of the conference.

### **The EAAV Research Grant**

The EAAV Research Grant is intended to support the funding of avian veterinary research. The European Association of Avian Veterinarians (EAAV) invites complete application documents for up-to-date research in this field. The intention of the competitive grant is to support the most promising research project. Proposals need to be submitted by the project leader (director/head) including a CV, list of publications of the main persons involved, a blinded sketch of project (introduction, review of literature, material and methods, goals), a working plan including a time schedule, and a financing plan.

The proposal has to be submitted online via the online application form “EAAV Research Grant” as published on the EAAV website (<https://eaavonline.org/>). All proposals have to be in British English. The project leader (director/head) submitting the proposal will act as the corresponding person.

Each project will be evaluated by two external experts for importance for the field, soundness of experimental design, feasibility, and probability of success. The external experts must have a deep expertise in the field of the proposed project, and will be selected individually for each project by the EAAV President.

The task of the reviewers includes a report and recommendation. These reports are intended to help the selective committee in decision finding, especially to avoid the vote for a project with a methodological deficiencies. Based on the advice of the external experts the selective committee will choose the recipient.

The selective committee consists of seven persons in total, three members of the EAAV Board (president, vice-president, officer of EAAV Gerlach Gylstorff Fund), three members of the scientific committee for avian medicine of the International Conference on Avian, Herpetological and Exotic Mammal Medicine (SC) (e.g. chair, junior vice chair, senior vice chair). In case committee members are involved in a proposed project or positions are accumulated in one person, the EAAV President or the chairperson of the SC nominates proxies depending of which group the replacement is needed.

In case of detection of a severe mistake (methodological, ethical or similar) each member of the selective committee has a right of veto.

The prize money depends on the application, but the EAAV Research Grant is limited to maximum 10.000 Euros.



Deadline for submission is at least eight weeks before the start of the intended project.

The grant will be awarded by the EAAV President on the upcoming ICARE. However, the project can be started immediately after the positive decision letter has been sent. In return the beneficiary accept the duty to give a talk in the avian session of the upcoming ICARE and to write a report about the scientific project for the benefit of their colleagues printed in the EAAV newsletter. In this report, paper and talk the EAAV needs to be mentioned specifically as the funding source.

EAAV grants: <https://eaavonline.org>

## 6. Morris Animal Foundation

### Research Grants

As one of the world’s largest funding sources for animal health research, we are proud of our long tradition of supporting some of the most innovative researchers advancing the health of more species in more places than any other organization. To date, we have invested over \$155 million.

We are running two Wildlife RFPs.

Wildlife Health – Fellowship Training & First Award applicants only – Any relevant topic.

Wildlife Health – Established Investigator & Pilot Study applicants only – Animal health in all grassland and sagebrush ecosystems (no longer limited to the United States).

We encourage scientists from around the world and at every stage of their career to explore our grant opportunities.

### Request for Proposals Calendar

RFP Name	Open Date	Close Date	Topic or Special Considerations	Grant Type
<a href="#">Wildlife Health</a>	September 13, 2023	November 29, 2023	Animal health in grassland and sagebrush ecosystems.	Established Investigator & Pilot Study Only
Veterinary Student Scholars	November 8, 2023	January 17, 2024	Feline, wildlife, domesticated equid or canine health. Any relevant topics. Two applications now accepted per institution.	Veterinary Student Scholar

## Grant Types

Grant Category	Description
<b>Established Investigator</b>	Established Investigator grants are designed to provide funding for research by individuals and teams with a previous record of research and publication.
<b>Pilot Study</b>	Pilot Study grants are designed to provide funding for innovative ideas to accelerate discovery and advance Morris Animal Foundation's mission.
<b>First Award</b>	First Award grants are designed to assist new faculty in establishing a successful research program.
<b>Fellowship Training</b>	Fellowship Training grants are designed to assist new investigators in launching a successful research career by providing salary support in a quality mentoring environment.
<b>Veterinary Student Scholar</b>	The Veterinary Student Scholars program awards stipends to veterinary students who are selected by their institution to participate in clinical or basic animal health research.

For additional questions, email: [grantapplications@morrisanimalfoundation.org](mailto:grantapplications@morrisanimalfoundation.org)

Morris Animal Foundation grants: <https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/grants>

### 7. The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund

The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund is a significant philanthropic endowment established to provide targeted grants to individual species conservation initiatives, recognize leaders in the field of species conservation and elevate the importance of species in the broader conservation debate. To date the fund has awarded over 1900 grants to a diverse range of species across the world. Grants will be awarded based on their ability to meet criteria pre-determined by the Species Fund and are for maximum of \$25,000 for each project. In 2019 only 12% of applicants received any kind of a grant, and around 1,500 were turned down.

You can complete and submit the application online. Before starting an application, please ensure that you have read and understood the application criteria (especially relating to the species conservation status) and have had a look at the Frequently Asked Questions page on the Fund's website.

For any questions regarding the application, or to be added to the Fund's contact database, please use the "Contact Us" details provided, or send an email to [enquiries@mbzf.org](mailto:enquiries@mbzf.org) or [Nheard@mbzf.org](mailto:Nheard@mbzf.org)

## **Apply for a grant**

If you are involved in a direct species conservation project and would like to apply for a grant, you must apply online. **The next application deadline is 31st October 2024.**

The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund grants:

<https://www.speciesconservation.org/>

## **8. European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians**

EAZWV provides Grant Funding via the Zebra Foundation for Veterinary Zoological Education

EAZWV is committed to supporting Vet Students and Vets just embarking on careers in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine. Through our partnership with the Zebra foundation, we provided over €18.000 of grant funding over the last three years.

The Zebra Foundation for Veterinary Zoological Education was created with the objective of helping veterinary students and surgeons from anywhere in the world gain additional experience in zoological and wildlife medicine. Whatever your current role, this foundation exists to assist all those with a direct interest and ambition in advancing this specialist field.

This is done mainly in the form of financial awards to assist the initiation and completion of projects with relevant zoological content. This could be an elective study as part of a degree or higher qualification, field or laboratory research.

The Zebra Foundation is a registered charity, funded by public donations, and the EAZWV together with the British Veterinary Zoological Society (BVZS), is a substantial supporter of this foundation.

**The trustees meet twice yearly to assess and determine awards and the deadlines for applications are the 31st of March and the 30th of September.**

Projects qualifying for funding:

Gaining practical experience in Zoological Medicine – providing a written project is undertaken.

Research projects (laboratory, field or clinic-based) leading to advances in zoological medicine and/or training in a relevant discipline.

To Apply:

[www.zebra grants.org](http://www.zebra grants.org)

Grants of £100-£1000 GBP.

**Annual applications deadlines: 31st March and 30th September**

## Additional Funding Sources:

In 2012, The American Association of Zoo Veterinarians (AAZV) established the Zoological Medicine and Wildlife Health Research Grant program which is funded by The Wild Animal Health Fund.

The intent of the research grants is to improve the care and conservation of captive and free-ranging wildlife. Grants are awarded in amounts that do not exceed \$10,000 and will be granted on annual basis. EAZWV members are eligible to apply for these grants if they partner with an AAZV member. (An AAZV member must be one of the primary investigators). For more information and the latest application deadlines, please use the following website:

<https://www.aazv.org>

The EAZWV Education and Training Working Group has also identified some other funding opportunities you may want to explore:

- <https://www.aucklandzoo.co.nz/get-involved/conservation-fund>
- <https://www.mmc.gov/grants-and-research-survey/current-funding-opportunities/>
- <https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/apply-grant>
- <https://www.speciesconservation.org/>
- <https://elephantconservation.org/2019-conservation-grant-proposals/>
- <https://society.riverbanks.org/donate/conservation-fund>
- <https://www.thebhs.org/funding/9-bhs-student-grant-scheme>
- <http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/grants-and-awards/>
- <http://www.club300.se/Birdprot/Birdprotection.aspx>
- <http://ewda.org/ewda-small-grants/>

European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians grants:

[https://www.eazwv.org/page/Ippen\\_Award](https://www.eazwv.org/page/Ippen_Award) <https://www.eazwv.org/page/grants>

## **9. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde (German herpetological society)**

Wilhelm-Peters-Fond

Die DGHT unterhält zur Unterstützung der herpetologischen Grundlagenforschung in allen relevanten herpetologischen Disziplinen, einschließlich der auf herpetologische Objekte bezogenen Veterinärmedizin, insbesondere aber zur Erforschung der Taxonomie, Phylogenie, Evolution, Biogeografie und Biodiversität sowie der ökologischen Einbindung der Amphibien und Reptilien den Wilhelm-Peters-Fonds.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde (German herpetological society):

<https://www.dght.de/wilhelm-peters-fond>

## **10. American Association of Zoo Veterinarians**

### **Application and Review Process**

In 2012, The American Association of Zoo Veterinarians (AAZV) established the Zoological Medicine and Wildlife Health Research Grant program which is funded by ***The Wild Animal Health Fund***. The intent of the research grants is to support the AAZV mission to empower our members to advance our profession and enhance zoo and wild animal health, welfare, and conservation. Investigators are expected to disseminate their findings via peer-reviewed publication and any other relevant outreach efforts.

The total available fund for the 2023 Zoological Medicine and Wildlife Health Research Grant is \$250,000. Typically, WAHF receives 40-60 grant proposals each year, from which 15-20 grants are usually awarded per year.

Two categories of funding are available: the standard grant (maximum \$20,000) and small grant (maximum \$7,500). Small grants are intended to foster innovation and training in research, and are often trainee-led projects, pilot studies, or opportunistic additions to an ongoing research effort, and may be narrower in scope than standard proposals, but meet the same scientific standards. The application process is identical for the two categories.

### **Proposal Submission:**

Call for applications: October 1, 2023

Submission deadline: December 15, 2023, 11 p.m. ET

Expected award announcement: April 30, 2024

### **Requirements:**

At least one Principal Investigator must be an AAZV member in good standing.

Use the provided Proposal Template, which includes additional information to assist in completing the proposal.

The budget and publication cost guidelines have been updated for 2023 and are detailed below and in the proposal template. .

The proposal and all appendices must be converted to a single PDF file for submission.

Proposals must be submitted to [admin@azv.org](mailto:admin@azv.org) on or before the submission deadline.

Late or incomplete submissions, late-arriving addenda, and proposals not conforming to the guidelines will not be reviewed.

Please see the Frequently Asked Questions for commonly asked questions or contact [admin@azv.org](mailto:admin@azv.org) for clarifications prior to submission.

**Guidelines:**

Describe the background, objectives, and methodology of the study in a succinct and organized fashion.

Document the investigators' expertise and institutional capabilities, and discuss the scientific merit, feasibility, and anticipated impact of the study.

Highlight the study's relevance to the AAZV mission to advance our profession and enhance zoo and wild animal health, welfare, and conservation.

Studies relying on pharmacology, imaging, pathology, diagnostic test development, or other specialized data will benefit greatly from inclusion of an expert in that field as a Co-Investigator or Collaborator.

Studies relying on an outside laboratory or facility for specialized work, particularly if assistance with data interpretation is expected, are encouraged to include a letter of support or a Collaborator from that facility.

For managed species, and particularly for studies relying on recruitment from multiple holding institutions, a letter of support from the relevant managing group (e.g., SSP, EEP, TAG) is strongly recommended.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Scientific merit (background; hypotheses and/or objectives; study design and methods; animal use)

Impact and relevance (AAZV mission; expected benefit to target species or ecosystem)

Feasibility (personnel; facilities; attainability of objectives; preliminary data if applicable.

Finances (appropriate expenses; adequate justification; proportion of funding from WAHF)

Technical writing (coherence and clarity; grammar and typography; literature review)

**Evaluation Process:**

The AAZV Research Grant Committee (RGC) evaluates and selects proposals for funding. The RGC is comprised of a minimum of 8 AAZV members spanning a wide range of expertise in zoo and wildlife medicine and pathology, as well as ad hoc subject matter experts as needed.

**Proposal Evaluation Involves Several Phases:**

Screening for adherence to guidelines; noncompliant proposals are disqualified without review

Preliminary review of qualified proposals utilizing the One-Page Summary; proposals are selected for full review by RGC vote

Full review of selected proposals; assigned reviewers score the proposal and present their evaluation to the RGC for discussion

Ranking of reviewed proposals by all RGC members, for standard and small grants separately

Compilation of average rankings in each category, and determination of the cutoff for funding the highest-ranking grants based on available funds

Recommendation of a final list of funded grants to the AAZV Executive Committee for approval

Provision of feedback from the RGC evaluation to unsuccessful applicants

## **AWARD AND COMPLIANCE**

### **Grant-in-Aid Agreement:**

Following the selection of funded grants, AAZV will contact the Principal Investigator(s) (PI) to establish a Grant-in-Aid Agreement with the investigator's institution.

Documentation of animal use approval is required prior to funding disbursement. Documentation of permit approval is required when permits are received, and prior to completion of the study. Inability to provide required documentation in a timely fashion may result in forfeiture of the grant.

A layperson summary is also requested, consisting of a brief paragraph summarizing the study and its importance in easy-to-understand terms suitable for use in AAZV publicity and development communications.

The initial funding disbursement is 75% of the total grant, payable when the grant agreement is fully executed between AAZV and the institution representing the PI.

The final 25% of the grant is disbursed after completion of the study and approval of the final report, dependent on publication funding allocation as detailed below.

### **Progress Reports:**

The PI is required to submit brief updates on study progress every 6 months within the active grant period, in writing to admin@azv.org, using the provided **Progress Report Template**. These reports should also provide an updated layperson summary and photographs suitable for use in AAZV publicity and development communications.

### **No-Cost Extensions:**

If the study cannot be completed within 18 months of the original start date, the PI may request a no-cost extension of the grant period. This request must be made promptly when the delay is first identified, in writing to admin@azv.org, with specific reasons for the delay and a proposed timeline adjustment.

### **Budget Reallocation and Other Changes:**

Any material changes in the study's budget allocations, procedures, objectives, or investigators must be approved in advance by the RGC. This request must be made promptly when the issue is first identified, in writing to admin@azv.org. For reallocation of up to 25% of the total grant amount, the PI must submit a progress report on the study with specific reasons for the requested budget changes. For major reallocation of funds, greater than 25% of the total grant, the PI must submit a progress report including a proposal of revised or new objectives and methods, with

timeline adjustments if necessary. Reallocation of funds without prior approval may result in forfeiture of the final funding disbursement and/or ineligibility for future WAHF funding.

### **Final Report and Disbursement:**

The PI must submit a report *within 2 months* of study completion, in writing to admin@aazv.org, using the provided Final Report Template, or the pre-2023 Final Report Template for grants funded in 2022 or earlier. The final report summarizes the outcomes of the study, lists any submitted or planned publications, and provides a final budget, including actual costs in each category of the proposed budget. Publication is not required prior to the final report, but the study must be complete with preliminary results and conclusions available.

Once the report has been reviewed and approved by the RGC, a disbursement will be issued for all remaining funding allocated to direct study costs in the final budget, and any publication costs already incurred. A no-cost extension of up to 3 years will be issued automatically for pending publication costs. The PI must provide documentation for disbursement of actual publication costs. If an additional allocation over the maximum grant amount was requested for JZWM open access publication, as detailed in the Proposal Template, this amount may not be used for any other journal or otherwise reallocated. Any publication funds remaining unused after 3 years will be forfeited.

### **Results Dissemination:**

Investigators are expected to disseminate the results of their study via peer-reviewed publication, preferably to the Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine (JZWM) if appropriate, submitted *within 1 year of completion*. Conference presentations and any other relevant outreach efforts are also encouraged. Wild Animal Health Fund funding should be acknowledged in publications and presentations with a statement such as: “Funds were provided by the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians’ Wild Animal Health Fund.” The PI should report, in writing to admin@aazv.org, when any publication or presentation has been accepted.

American Association of Zoo Veterinarian grants: <https://www.aazv.org>

## **11. Association of Avian Veterinarians**

### **AAV Avian Health Fund**

Pre-proposals for research projects addressing clinical aspects of captive bird health (companion and zoological species) are now being accepted for consideration for funding by the Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV). Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, diagnostic testing, disease treatment, drug pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics, and practice management. Preference will be given to grant submissions relating to avian species traditionally kept as companions or to projects in which the major findings are relevant to companion species, however strong proposals relating only to zoological species will also be considered. For the purposes of this grant, companion birds are defined as “species normally maintained in or near the household of the owner or person who cares for such animals” and can include companion poultry and species used for falconry. Grants are limited to \$10,000.00 US for individual projects.



## **AAV Wild Bird Health Fund**

Pre-proposals for research projects addressing wild bird health are now being accepted for consideration for funding by the Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV). Projects of interest include but are not limited to epidemiology of disease in wild populations, ecotoxicology, diagnostic testing and treatment of wild birds, and conservation medicine. Grants are limited to \$5,000.00 US for individual projects.

**Deadline for Pre-proposal Submissions for both the AAV Avian Health Fund and AAV Wild Bird Health Fund:**

**11:59PM EST, December 1, 2023**

**\*\*Important: Note earlier deadline for this grant cycle.\*\***

Association of Avian Veterinarian grants: <https://www.aav.org>

## **12. Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians**

### **AEMV Research Fund**

AEMV firmly believes the future of exotic pet medicine lies with the hands of our professionals conducting groundbreaking research at some of the finest veterinarian institutions throughout the world. As such, the AEMV Research Fund was created to promote research that specifically leads to the improvement in clinical care for exotic companion mammals. This includes ferrets, rabbits, rodents, guinea pigs, chinchillas, hamsters, gerbils, rats, mice, and other less traditional pet species such as hedgehogs, sugar gliders, and prairie dogs. The research must pertain to captive health, diet, and husbandry in privately owned situations.

Each year AEMV awards **up to a maximum** of \$5,000 per winning submission. Proposals must be clearly outlined with projects achievable within two years of funding. Funding will be given to projects that are founded on sound research principles, can be fully completed at the level of requested funding, and are likely to result in presentation at a scientific conference and publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Projects that will be **excluded** involve wildlife and zoo species that are not primarily pet species and/or those dealing with these species in the wild and conservation oriented. Any projects promoting commercial breeding for the pet trade of non-domestic species will not be accepted.

**AEMV membership is required.**

Last year the submission deadline was February 1, 2023, with recipients being announced by March 15, 2023. It can be anticipated the same dates will be used for the 2024 grant applications. Please check the AEMV website for the 2024 submission deadline for current posting of the 2024 submission deadline.

<https://aemv.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/AEMV-Research-Grant-Guidelines.pdf>

## **The Drury R. Reavill Research Grant**

The Drury R. Reavill Research Grant is funded by AEMV through merchandise sales, silent and live auction proceeds, and individual donations. The award amount is \$5,000.00 USD and may increase in the future as more funding becomes available.

To honor Dr. Reavill's contributions to our profession the following conditions will apply to this grant:

The study must be applicable to species that AEMV strives to improve the understanding of medical conditions in the hopes of providing better treatment options. Proposals involving wildlife and zoo species that are not primarily pet species and/or those dealing with these species in the wild and are conservation oriented do not qualify for submission. Any projects promoting commercial breeding for the pet trade of non-domestic species will not be accepted.

Preference will be given to veterinary practitioners or residents. Practitioners must have a current license. Residents may be at an academic institution or at a private practice that provides an approved exotic companion mammal program.

Preference will be given to oncological studies to include prospective or retrospective projects.

### **Only members of AEMV are eligible for application.**

The chairperson of the grant review committee is not eligible for application and any members of the review committee that submit a proposal will recuse themselves from the proposal process.

Only survival/non-terminal studies are acceptable.

Competitive proposals must be clearly outlined with projects achievable within two (2) years of funding.

Priority will be given to projects that are founded on sound research principles, can be fully completed at the level of requested funding, and are likely to result in presentation within three (3) years at an AEMV approved conference. Projects presented at an annual AEMV conference will have guaranteed acceptance for that year's program.

Publication in a refereed veterinary journal is expected.

The following outline should be strictly followed. The proposal should contain 2 pdf documents: 1 document with the title page and the appendices and 1 document with the body of the proposal (items b-f below). The body of the proposal should not exceed ten (10) double-spaced pages excluding Principal Investigator (PI) and co-PI CVs, two (2) letters of support and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (or similar committee) letter of approval. New Times Roman

11-point font, double line spacing, and 1-inch (2.5 centimeters) margins should be used throughout.

Title Page: this page and the appendices are the only pages that should contain nominative information about the research, as the rest of the proposal will undergo blind revision. Title of study; investigators names and proportional time allocation (%) to the project; full contact details (including mailing address, contact telephone and fax, and email address) for the Principal Investigator; and signatures from all investigators, and the Department Chair or Dean if applicable.

Hypothesis and/or Objectives

Rationale and Significance

Materials and Methods (including statistical analyses)

Budget: No indirect costs, salaries, publication costs or equipment are funded. Outside funding: will additional sources of funding be needed to complete the project? If yes, please specify and have these sources been secured? If outside funding sources do not come through within the timeline established by AEMV, then the funds will be returned to AEMV.

References: Please follow this style:

Graham JP, Lipman AH, Newell SM. Esophageal transit of capsules in clinically normal cats. *Am J Vet Res* 2000;61:655-657.

Appendix 1: A short CV should be included (maximum two pages) from each PI and co-PI(s). The CV should indicate qualifications, awards and honors, relevant research presentations, and scientific journal publications.

Appendix 2: For proposals that involve co-investigator labs and/or use of other facilities, letters of support must accompany the proposal.

Appendix 3: If ANY aspect of the proposal involves animals that falls under the jurisdiction of the Animal Welfare Act and the USDA (or similar regulatory agency), then a copy of the written approval from the Institutional Care Animal Care and Use Committee (or similar committee) must be included. If in doubt, investigators should contact their local IACUC representative (or similar representative) for guidance.

Once funding has been awarded, the PI is requested to provide an update every six (6) months until completion of the project.

If for any reason the project cannot be completed in the requested timeline or is terminated prior to the anticipated end the principal investigator is required to write a summary on the status and may be asked to return the funding.

Please submit your research grant proposal and all supporting documents to AEMV at [INFO@AEMV.ORG](mailto:INFO@AEMV.ORG) and include the Subject Line: AEMV Drury Reavill Grant Proposal.

The due date for proposals is February 1, 2024.

The committee members will announce the grant winners by March 15, 2024.

Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians grants: [aemv.org](http://aemv.org)

### **13. Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians**

#### **2024 ARAV Research & Conservation Grant**

Objectives of the Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians (ARAV) include:

To advance programs for preventative medicine, husbandry, and scientific research in the field of veterinary medicine dealing with reptiles and amphibians.

To promote the conservation and humane treatment of all reptilian and amphibian species through education, captive breeding and preservation of reptilian and amphibian habitats.

The ARAV Conservation & Research Committee is able to fund clinically oriented and/or conservation research projects involving reptiles and/or amphibians. The typical awards are in the range of \$2000 to \$3000.

#### Conservation and Research Fund Additional Details

Clinically oriented proposals, conservation-based proposals, and proposals submitted by ARAV members will be given priority. Proposals will be evaluated based on clinical significance, conservation relevance, feasibility of proposal, and research methodology.

Final determination of the number and amounts of awards to be distributed will be made by the ARAV Executive committee, based on the recommendations of the Conservation and Research Committee.

It is expected that the research should be completed in 12-18 months.

Recipients of funding will be expected to either present their results at the ARAV annual conference or publish them in the Journal of Herpetological Medicine and Surgery.

Deadline for proposal submission is anticipated to be October 1, 2024.

Funding decisions will be made by March 1, 2025.

#### **2024 ARAV Conservation of Reptiles & Amphibians Grant**

Objectives of the Conservation of Reptiles & Amphibians Grant include:

To advance and support conservation of reptiles and amphibians locally, nationally and internationally

To promote the conservation of all reptilian and amphibian species and their ecosystems through education, captive breeding and preservation of reptilian and amphibian habitats

The ARAV Conservation & Research Committee is proud to announce this new grant focused solely on the conservation and preservation of reptiles and amphibians. This grant is able to fund conservation-based projects involving reptiles and/or amphibians with a focus on topics such as:

Captive management, husbandry and propagation

- Sustainability
- Anti-poaching
- Wildlife management
- Ecosystem health
- Conservation education and outreach
- Water projects

Proposals will be evaluated based on scientific value, conservation relevance, and feasibility of proposal. Proposals submitted by ARAV members will be given priority. It is expected that the research should be completed in 12 months with semi-annual updates required.

Recipients of funding will be expected to either present their results at the ARAV annual conference or publish them in the Journal of Herpetological Medicine and Surgery (JHMS).

Deadline for proposal submission is January 15, 2024.

Funding decisions will be made by May 1, 2024.

The award will be valued at \$1500.

### **Kevin Wright Memorial Grant**

On September 26, 2013, the field of veterinary medicine lost a great mind, Kevin Wright. Kevin served as ARAV President, a zoo veterinarian, a private practice veterinarian, published countless papers on a myriad of exotic animal veterinary medical topics, co-authored the legacy text on amphibian medicine and surgery, and even edited the amphibian medicine chapters for the book, Reptile Medicine and Surgery. An accomplished speaker and presenter, he was given the Hill's Nutrition Award in 1988, the Exotic DVM of the year in 2008, and twice awarded the Speaker of the Year at the NAVC conference, in 2009 and again in 2012. In 2010 he achieved the goal he sought in his professional life; he was one of the first 5 clinicians awarded ABVP Diplomate status as a specialist in reptile and amphibian medicine and surgery.

Dr. Wright has mentored and guided dozens, if not hundreds, of young, eager students and interns to strive for the best. His colleagues the world over are proud to have known him and thankful for the positive influence he has had on them. Kevin was a dear friend to so many of us. He loved his science and his medicine, but he adored his home, his pets, his comics and toys, and most of all, his wife of 25 years, Marlene.

In memoriam, the world is a quieter, less brilliant, and much less silly place. In his memory, the Kevin Wright Memorial fund was created to fund clinically relevant research to promote and further the herpetological veterinary profession. Every year the highest rated research and conservation grant proposal is designated the "Kevin Wright Memorial Fund award winner" and given the funds donated in his honor and in his memory.

Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians grants: <http://arav.org/> for a timeline on proposal submission deadlines and funding decisions.

## **14. National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association**

**\$6,000 (US dollars) available**

The National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association has research grants available in the field of wildlife rehabilitation, including wildlife medicine and wildlife education. An individual project may be funded up to \$11,000 (US dollars), or NWRA may fund several smaller projects for a total of \$11,000. Historically **pre-proposals are due October 1**. Please check the website for the exact date for the 2022 pre-proposal deadline.

### **Goals of the NWRA Grant Program:**

Provide support for studies within wildlife rehabilitation that expand our knowledge regarding wildlife rehabilitation without infringing on the NWRA code of ethics. Broaden the depth and breadth of our knowledge regarding the entire field, including diagnosis, prognosis, and treatments for medical conditions seen in wildlife patients, husbandry challenges for wild species in rehabilitative care, post-release survival of rehabilitated patients, and other aspects of wildlife rehabilitation that may be poorly eligible for funding from other sources. Support wildlife rehabilitators conducting and/or collaborating on clinical studies and similar research and advocate for wildlife rehabilitators and rehabilitated wildlife involved in research. Provide an avenue to improve and broaden collaboration between wildlife rehabilitators, governmental agencies, private groups, universities, nonprofit organizations, and individuals who are conducting clinical studies and other wildlife health research. Simultaneously, ensure that research study designs and proposals involving rehabilitated wildlife adequately address animal welfare considerations by adhering to humane standards of care. **A Preproposal application is required:**

### **Pre-Proposal Instructions**

Pre-proposals will be reviewed by the NWRA Research Grant Committee and scored for scientific merit and quality, feasibility, and relevance to the goals of NWRA in furthering wildlife rehabilitation as a growing field. Submitters of successful pre-proposals will be invited to submit a full proposal. Please follow the format below for full consideration.

Please use 12-pt single spaced type of a standard font, with non-tiny page margins, saved in a common format such as .doc, .docx, or pdf. Pre-proposals do not need to be excessively long. Please do not exceed 2 pages, exclusive of appendices.

Send the completed pre-proposal and any supporting materials to [research@nwrwildlife.org](mailto:research@nwrwildlife.org) by October 1, 2024. Invitations to submit a full proposal will be returned by November 1, 2024.

Title: less than 100 characters. The title must clearly describe the project.

Applicant(s) information: Name, affiliation, mailing address, email, telephone number for the project leader. Names and affiliations of additional authors.

Background information: Briefly review what is known so far about the topic and the context for why the study is needed.

Hypotheses, objectives, specific aims: Explain exactly what the study hopes to learn.

Experimental plan: Explain how you will measure outcomes that test the hypotheses or achieve the aims. Include methods of data collection, outcome variables, and statistical methods (if pertinent). What do you hope to learn by doing the study and what information or data you collect will support what you are hoping to find out? Be brief but specific.

Timeline of study: Specify when the study will happen, when data will be collected, and when analysis should be completed.

Significance to wildlife rehabilitation: Explain how the project is important to wildlife rehabilitation.

Budget: Explain how the grant funds will be spent. Include information on other funding for the project if applicable.

Appendices:

Literature cited: Almost any topic will have had previous information published. Please refer to these sources in the text where appropriate and list them here. The project should advance or deepen our understanding of these previous works or fill in blanks where there is little to no information. Websites, blogs, and opinions are not generally considered reliable sources, but can be good starting points for learning what is known about a topic or may provide links to more reputable sources of information. Google Scholar is a great place to search for scientific literature on broad topics.

Biographic sketch: Brief biography of applicant(s).

To think about now, if invited to write a full proposal:

Letters of support: If the project is dependent on someone else or an outside agency helping in a non-fee-for-service manner, please plan to include a letter of support from them for the project in the full proposal. This is not required for regular lab testing at commercial labs or for direct co-investigators/authors, but if a person or organization will be performing special testing just for the project, please include a letter of support. Complete preproposals are reviewed by the NWRA Grant Committee and evaluated for relevance to the goals of NWRA. If deemed relevant, the applications are scored on scientific merit/quality and the ability of investigators to perform work and distribute findings. Successful preproposals are invited to submit a full application. Full proposals undergo review by the Grant Committee and notification occurs by January 30. For a list of proposals funded in past years please view the current information on the website listed below.

National Wildlife Rehabilitators grants: [https://www.nwrawildlife.org/page/Research\\_Grants](https://www.nwrawildlife.org/page/Research_Grants)

## **15. Zebra Foundation for Zoological Education**

Apply for a Grant

The Zebra Foundation for Zoological Education invites applications from individual veterinarians and veterinary students to undertake research projects that will further their skills and knowledge of zoo and wildlife health.

The Foundation awards grants according to the Trustees' assessment of the project's contribution to the applicant's zoological education and the field of zoological medicine in general. For more information on the sorts of projects that qualify for funding please use the website listed below.

It is the trustees' policy not to fund any one project completely but by providing grants to help attract further funding from other bodies. Grants are awarded according to merit and range in the order of £100-£1000.

Applications are considered twice a year in December and June. **Applications must be made using the application provided on the website and forwarded by email to the Applications Secretary no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September/31<sup>st</sup> March of the year in which the project is to take place.**

Applicants will usually hear whether their application has been successful or not by the end of December/June. Applicants will receive email notification of receipt within a month of submission. If you have not heard back in this time, please contact the Applications Secretary.

The Foundation does not fund projects after their completion date and so applicants are encouraged to apply in good time.

Website: <https://www.zebra grants.org>