

Criterion	Scoring Range	Weighting
Conforming to Guidelines: Is the application form complete with all relevant information and presented clearly?	Requirement for proposal to be evaluated.	N/A
Have details of owner consent and appropriate ethical approval or exemption from ethical approval been included?	Requirement for proposal to be evaluated.	N/A
Purina applications only: The supervising Diplomate is required to confirm that the Resident played a significant role in project design and drafting of the proposal, and to give supporting details of their involvement.	Requirement for proposal to be evaluated.	N/A
Scientific Merit: Is the hypothesis of the study clear and based on sound science?	0-10	2
Novelty/Logic: Is the study novel or a logical continuation of other studies?	0-10	1
Study Design: Is the study well designed?	0-10	3
Achievability & Timeframe: How likely is it that the project will achieve its objectives within the proposed timeframe?	0-10	3
Achievability: Do the authors have the wherewithall to complete the project with regard to facilities etc.?	0-10	2
Cost & Value: Is the project costed accurately and appropriately?	0-10	2
Innovation: Does the study offer an innovative approach to the condition under investigation that is likely to lead to further and wider research?	0-10	1
Clinical Relevance: Will the results of the project lead to a direct clinical benefit for the condition under investigation. For instance, will it improve diagnosis, therapy, prognosis etc. Priority given to those with an actual clinical application rather than more fundamental science - which is arguably funded by other projects.	0-10	2
Clinical Importance: Is the condition under study of importance in the species investigated. For example does it occur in a large number of animals or is it emerging as an important condition.	0-10	2