

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 wherewithal 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/Importance: 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 for a disorder that is important or emerging in the species rather than more fundamental science - which is arguably funded by other projects.	0-10	3