

Clinical Studies Fund: Established Investigator Award - Application Format

The Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator must be a Diplomate of the ECVIM-CA or ACVIM, and if the latter, at least one member of the project team needs to be a Diplomate of ECVIM-CA (their input in the project must be clarified).

Each Diplomate may submit one application (one electronic copy), which should be typed in Arial font 11 point, numbering consecutive pages from the Cover Page (page 1).

Applications should be succinct and comprise (sub-section headings italicized):

1. A Cover Page with research title, investigators and affiliations
2. An Abstract (no more than 300 words)
3. An Introduction and Scientific Background (no more than 400 words)
4. An account of the Contribution of the Project to Companion Animal Internal Medicine in Europe (no more than 400 words)
5. A detailed description of the Research Plan, including two sub-sections entitled Hypothesis and Objectives and Justification of Sample Size (no more than 1000 words in total).
6. Inclusion of details of appropriate ethical approval or exemption from same
7. References (maximum of 40)
8. ECVIM-CA CSF recognise that AI tools may be used to correct grammatical errors and improve the language of the text. The use of AI tools beyond this must be disclosed and appropriately cited. ECVIM-CA CSF may check applications to ensure appropriate citation.
9. Budget details, including a sub-section entitled Justification (no more than 400 words). All costs must be presented **only** in Euros.
10. Timeline/Gantt chart (no more than 300 words)
11. Curricula Vitae of the principal and all co-investigators (no more than two pages per investigator)

Please note that applications not adhering to these formatting guidelines will be rejected without further consideration. Please also note that we will NOT review projects under consideration by alternative funding bodies. If partial funding is being sought, clear evidence must be provided that the remaining funding has already been secured.

The application and curricula vitae must be in English. Additional documentation such as owner consent forms, study questionnaires and ethical approval must also be provided in English.

Applications should be submitted by email to csf.secretariat@ecvim-ca.college and will be forwarded to members of the Clinical Studies Fund Committee for evaluation.

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