



**AABP-HTA
Hoof Health Research Funding Opportunity**

Request for Applications

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the Hoof Trimmers Association are pleased to announce a co-sponsored funding opportunity to support applied research in the areas of bovine lameness and hoof health. A total of up to \$25,000 will be granted to support one or more research projects. Interested parties should refer to this RFA and the websites of the respective associations for additional information. This funding opportunity will be administered by the AABP Foundation.

Eligibility: At least one member of the investigative team must be an AABP member in good standing. Research teams that include one or more professional hoof trimmers including HTA members are strongly encouraged. Veterinary applicants may include practicing veterinarians, veterinarians enrolled in a graduate degree program, veterinary faculty members, or veterinary students under the direction of a licensed veterinarian.

Scope: Submitted proposals should seek to address relevant concerns in the areas of hoof trimming and applied hoof health. Projects should be of the appropriate scope to ensure completion within a 12-month time period. Funded projects will have the potential to influence routine management and decision-making in commercial settings.

Selection Committee: A joint selection committee consisting of three (3) members from the AABP Lameness Committee and three (3) members of the HTA will be appointed to review submitted applications. Members of the selection committee will not be eligible to serve as principal investigators in submitted proposals and will not be permitted to review applications with which they are directly or indirectly involved.

Selection Criteria: Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. Selection criteria include the qualifications and experience of the investigative team (10%), the justification and relevance to the concerns of industry (20%), the clarity of objectives and probability of completing the research (15%), methodology and scientific merit (35%), appropriateness of the budget (10%), and site suitability for proposed research (10%).

Budget: The award will be for an annual sum of at least \$10,000 USD and up to \$25,000 USD to be awarded to a candidate or divided among multiple candidates. The funds shall be awarded directly to the principal investigator(s). Indirect costs will not be supported.

Timeline: Application submission will be open for a period of at least sixty (60) days. Successful applicants will be notified within ninety (90) days after the close of the

application period. The period of the award shall be for one year. The expected distribution of the award is January 1, 2017.

Project Reports: Successful applicants will be required to submit progress reports six and 12 months after receipt of the award. In addition, a final report must be submitted with 18 months after receipt of the award. Project reports should detail progress to date relative to stated objectives, available results, and pending work.

Presentation of Results: Investigators are strongly encouraged to seek publication of completed research through an appropriate venue in a timely fashion. In addition, successful applicants will be expected to present their findings at both the 2017 or 2018 AABP Annual Convention in the form of a research summary and the 2017 or 2018 HTA Hoof Health Conference. Applicants may submit travel expenses including transportation and two nights lodging for the AABP conference as part of the project budget. Travel expenses associated with presentation of the results at the Hoof Health Conference will be supported directly by the HTA and should not be submitted in the budget.

Applications: Applications are submitted online through a 2-step process.

- Applicants will complete the online form which includes personal contact information, title of the proposal, and proposed budget. Links to this form are available from the AABP website (<http://www.aabp.org>), the HTA website (<http://www.hooftrimmers.org>), and the AABP Foundation website (<http://foundation.aabp.org>).
- Applicants will upload a .pdf document of the final proposal to the website (<http://foundation.aabp.org/hoof/>). Various free online tools are available to convert documents if needed. The full proposal excluding curricula vitae shall be less than 12 pages in 12 pt. Times New Roman font, single spaced with 1-inch margins on all sides. The proposal shall include:
 - Lay summary suitable for publication – maximum 200 words
 - Scientific summary – maximum 300 words
 - Goals and objectives of the project
 - Background information and literature review
 - Materials and methods
 - Expected outcomes
 - Detailed budget with explanation of line items
 - Additional sources of funding available to support the proposed research (if applicable)
 - A curriculum vitae or biographical sketch for the principal investigators and co-investigators (maximum length of 2 pages per person; see grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/2590/biosketchsample.pdf for examples)

Deadline: July 1, 2016 at 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time