



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ANIMAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE (IAAHPC) CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

Advancing Research in Animal Hospice and Palliative Care

Grant Application Timeline: Applications open annually on October 1 and close on April 1.

The International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care (IAAHPC) invites research proposals from institutions, organizations, and scholars worldwide to advance understanding and best practices in the field of animal hospice and palliative care. Proposals should demonstrate a strong theoretical foundation, methodological rigor, and potential to enhance the comfort, quality of life, and dignity of animals with chronic and/or life-limiting illness, as well as the wellbeing of their caregivers and care teams. IAAHPC's mission is to promote comfort care that addresses the physical, psychological, and social needs of animals and their caregivers, while fostering professional education, research, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Eligibility

- The IAAHPC Research Grant Program welcomes proposals from individuals and teams dedicated to advancing the science, ethics, and practice of animal hospice and palliative care (AHPC).
- Eligible applicants include:
 - Veterinarians and veterinary technicians involved in hospice, palliative, or end-of-life care.
 - Researchers, educators, and scholars in animal welfare, human–animal interaction, or caregiver wellbeing.
 - Licensed mental health or social service professionals engaged in interdisciplinary AHPC research.



- Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, provided they have a faculty mentor listed as Co-Investigator.
- Practitioner-led teams (e.g., hospice service providers, interdisciplinary care programs) partnered with a research institution or mentor.
- Applicants must be affiliated with an accredited academic institution, nonprofit organization, or recognized research entity capable of providing ethical and administrative oversight.
- Researchers based outside the United States are eligible, provided they obtain IACUC, IRB, or equivalent ethical review approval before funds are released, and demonstrate adherence to animal welfare and ethical research standards consistent with IAAHPC guidelines.
- Prior IAAHPC grantees may apply again if the proposed project represents new and distinct work and all previous deliverables have been met.
- IAAHPC values diversity, equity, and inclusion in research and encourages applications from individuals of all backgrounds and from projects that reflect diverse populations of animals, caregivers, and communities served.

Areas of Interest

- Clinical Practice and Protocols: Studies evaluating pain management, symptom control, and multimodal approaches.
- Caregiver Experience: Research exploring caregiver needs and bereavement.
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Team-based models integrating veterinary and human support professionals.
- Veterinary Team Wellbeing: Addressing compassion fatigue and resilience.
- Ethical and Cultural Dimensions: Ethical decision-making and cultural attitudes.
- Education and Training: Evaluation of curricula and certification models.
- Communication and Decision-Making: Strategies supporting shared decisions.
- Access and Equity: Barriers and facilitators to care access.
- Animal Welfare Outcomes: Comfort and quality-of-life tools.



- Translational and Policy Research: Actionable guidance for global standards.

Evaluation Criteria

- Scientific rigor and clarity of methods.
- Potential for impact on practice, wellbeing, or welfare.
- Feasibility and cost-effectiveness.
- Qualifications and collaboration capacity.
- Alignment with IAAHPC's mission and values.

Ethical Standards

- All funded studies must adhere to the highest standards of animal welfare and professional ethics.
- Studies must obtain IACUC, IRB, or equivalent approvals before initiation.
- Projects must ensure veterinary oversight and preclude invasive or non-therapeutic procedures.

Terms of Funding

- 50% of funds disbursed at award, remaining 50% upon completion.
- No indirect costs will be paid by the grant or by IAAHPC.
- Additional funding from other sources is permitted with disclosure.
- Brief progress reports required every six months.
- Final abstract and summary of results due at project completion.
- Copies of publications must be submitted to IAAHPC.
- Financial support must be acknowledged in all outputs.

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- Applications open annually on October 1 and close on April 1.
- Submit proposals electronically to: research@iaahpc.org



- Questions: research@iaahpc.org
- Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by June 30