VPRF/AVMF Frequently Asked Questions

1) Do we have an owner consent form that will be available to the projects that are funded?
For any studies involving animals, the owner consent, IACUC, and other approvals are handled at the local level (e.g. within the university or teaching hospital, by their administration). The investigator is responsible for working with their institution to create an appropriate owner consent form.

2) Can applicants make minor changes in the application once the submission deadline has passed?
No major changes are allowed. Minor changes may be acceptable with approval from the grant administrator.

3) Is there any limitation to the number of proposals where an investigator is listed as a Co-investigator?
No more than two proposals may be submitted by a Principal Investigator in any one year but there is no limitation on the number of proposals where an investigator is listed as a Co-investigator.

4) What are the allowable costs for technical or student salaries?
Up to 20% of total direct costs for the project can be used for technician and part-time student salaries (including fringe), but not for Post-doc or graduate salaries.

5) What do I need to provide in the Current and Pending Support section?
List current and pending support and highlight any funding that is particularly related to the proposed project included in this application. (Include names, title, agency, effective dates and total amount.)

6) Are no cost extensions allowed?
If the final report is not submitted prior to the grant deadline, no cost extension of the grant termination date can be considered on a case by case basis.

7) Can applicants apply for studies related to any animal species?
Yes, applications can be made for any companion animal, food producing species, and zoo and exotic animal species. Studies using laboratory rodents as models are generally not funded.

8) Are corporations and corporate research organizations eligible to apply?
Yes. Corporations and research institutions are eligible to apply as long as sufficient justification is provided for the study.