



Canine Research Foundation Pty Ltd (ATF)
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1. The Canine Research Foundation (CRF)

The CRF is an independent Public Charitable Trust founded in 1992 and managed by volunteer directors. Through an annual program of research funding, it supports research conducted at Australian universities from funds generated via the Dogs Victoria levy on puppy registrations, tax-deductible donations and bequests from the public. The Foundation's focus is on research into the causes, prevention or cure of disease and scientific research related to canine health (as provided in its Trust Deed).

Canine health refers to research into disease and disease related processes, and/or the prevention of injury and/or disease.

The disease / disease related processes should relate to:

- common problems observed in veterinary practice and/or
- serious problems in a particular breed, applicable to other breeds if appropriate.

Research projects should be specific to a canine health issue and demonstrate their potential impact on the health of dogs.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the suitability of a project for funding canineresearchfoundation@gmail.com.

2. Guidelines for Funding:

1. Research projects must be conducted at an Australian University
2. The universities to which funds are provided must make all reasonable endeavours to finish the project/s by the end date as stated in the application form. Funding per project will normally be in the order of \$5,000-15,000 in any one year, however the CRF may fund applications outside this range on a case by case basis.
3. The funding must only be used for the project as outlined in the application.
4. The initial funding will be released once the approval number has been received from the AEC/Institutional Biosafety Committee if appropriate.
5. GST: as defined in A New Tax System (Goods & Services Tax) Act 1999 (C'wth) - will not be imposed as this funding is considered a financial supply.
6. Funds will be available as arranged through the university and paid in two instalments usually in February and July of each year. The second instalment payment pending the receipt of a mid-year progress report.
7. Any assets purchased with the funds will be owned by the relevant University.
8. Any funds that are unspent or uncommitted at the end of the Project (or earlier termination) must be returned to the Canine Research Foundation.
9. Projects may extend beyond one year but funding each year will be dependent upon satisfactory progress as given in the required progress report, generally an email requesting the extension with the reasons
10. The Canine Research Foundation will be free to use and distribute reports unless advised that the reports contain confidential information in which case the reports will be kept confidential until they become part of the public domain. Chief Investigators should always provide a report that is suitable for general distribution.
11. In the event that the project does not commence and is withdrawn or the progress report is not provided, the funding already received is to be returned in full to the Canine Research Foundation.



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12. The University will appoint the investigator(s) to work on the project as outlined in the successful application. The University may appoint additional staff or students to the project at its discretion. If any of the investigators become unavailable then the University will, within 30 days, either appoint a replacement person with sufficient skill and experience, allocate tasks to any remaining investigators or return the funds to the Canine Research Foundation if the project cannot proceed.
13. The University will own all intellectual property created as part of the project. This includes copyright, rights in respect of inventions (including patent rights), plant breeder's rights and rights in respect of confidential information (including trade secrets and know how).
14. The University will give appropriate credit to the Canine Research Foundation in any publicity or academic publication concerning the project. A copy of any published material is to be sent to Dr Alicia Fuller (canineresearchfoundation@gmail.com) and may be used on the CRF webpage. <http://oz.dogs.net.au/crf/> or for any other publicity or reporting purposes.
15. The agreement between the Canine Research Foundation and the recipient may be varied by a document provided by the Canine Research Foundation and signed by both parties.

3. Project Leader responsibilities.

It is the responsibility of the project leader to ensure:

- All details on the application form are true and complete.
- The research will be conducted at an Australian University.
- The project aims to improve canine health.
- Approval for the application has been obtained from the Head of School / Head of Department
- Agreement from of all participants listed on the project has been obtained prior to submission of the application.

If successful,

- All funds for the project will only be spent for the purpose for which they are provided.
- The project will not proceed until appropriate ethical/biosafety clearance has been obtained. (where necessary)
- Reports will be completed and submitted in a timely fashion.
- The Canine Research Foundation will be notified of any publications arising from the funding support.

4. Key Dates and timeline

Call for Applications – **April 2026**

Applications close: 31 August 2026 at 8.00pm

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

canineresearchfoundation@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: the first electronic submission will be considered as the final version of your application; subsequent submissions will not normally be accepted.

- **Please submit as word or pdf documents.**
- **Scanned documents are difficult to read and will not be accepted.**

Review first round: Applications will not be sent for second round review if:

- The research is not conducted by an Australian University



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- The application has not been signed by the Head of School / Head of Department
- The project does not address an issue of canine health.

Review second round: The review panel aims to consist of:

- Veterinary surgeons
- Academic staff at Universities with expertise in the field of the project
- Relevant researchers at other Australian research institutes
- Representation from the Dogs Victoria's Breeders Education and Health Committee

Applications will be reviewed by at least 2 reviewers.

Reviewer assessments will be returned to, and collated by the Canine Research Foundation prior to a final decision on funding at the CRF Annual General Meeting.

All applicants will receive written advice on the outcome of their applications – feedback is provided on request at the discretion of the CRF.

5. Funding

5.1 Period of Funding

Funding is offered for one year only from 1 January to 31 December of the relevant funding year.

5.2 Level of Funding

Funding is normally in the range of \$5,000 – \$15,000, however the CRF may fund applications outside this range on a case-by-case basis.

5.3 Use of Funding

5.3.1 Research Assistance

1. Research assistance is only funded where a strong case is made that the work cannot be done by the Chief Investigators without assistance as they are fully occupied with other aspects of the project.
2. Honours candidates may be included so long as they are formally appointed in this capacity as part of their program of study. Higher degree research candidates may provide assistance to the project as long as they are formally appointed in this capacity as part of their program of study. Funds cannot be requested to support salaries for investigators or scholarships to support Honours or Higher Degree Students.

5.3.2 Teaching Relief

The CRF funding does not support teaching relief for investigators to enable them to work on the project.



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5.3.3 Equipment

Applicants may seek funding for items of equipment. Individual items costing \$1000 or more should be requested in this section. The Foundation does not usually support requests for significant capital equipment.

5.3.4 Maintenance

Minor costs, special materials required for the project, and items of equipment costing less than \$1000 should be requested under Maintenance.

5.3.5 Travel

The CRF does not provide funding for travel.

5.3.6 Basic Items

The CRF does not fund basic items that should be readily available in the University such as desktop or laptop computers, unless a need for dedicated use in the project is clearly demonstrated

5.3.7 Other

Funding may be sought for reasonable costs of publication. Funding cannot be used to pay for research support, travel, equipment (unless approved by the Foundation) or maintenance of equipment.