



Request for Proposals

Addressing Evidence-based Health Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction

Deadline: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 by 11:59 p.m. EST



The vision of the Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI) is for the human-animal bond to be universally embraced as an essential element of human wellness. To that end, HABRI works to establish, through science and advocacy, the vital role of companion animals in the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities.

HABRI is calling for research proposals to investigate the health outcomes of pet ownership and/or animal-assisted activity or therapy, both for the people and the animals involved. HABRI is interested in proposals that involve a variety of animals (e.g. dogs, cats, fish, horses, reptiles, small animals). Proposals should have a strong theoretical framework and focus on innovative approaches to studying the health effects of companion animals on humans within the following broad categories:

- Child Health and Development
- Healthy Aging
- Mental Health and Wellness

Proposals will be evaluated by an independent review board comprising experts in the field. Evaluation will be on study design, capabilities of investigators, adequacy of facilities, cost-effective yet realistic budget, and potential for impact on the way mental and physical health conditions are diagnosed, treated or otherwise understood. Adherence to the highest standards of human and animal care and welfare is essential. All funded studies must undergo IRB and/or IACUC review and approval.

For full RFP, application instructions, and proposal guidelines [click here](#).

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