

How Grants Are Awarded.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation uses a comprehensive independent review process to evaluate grant applications. Here's how it works: (For more detail on criteria for the evaluations, see our grant cycle process at www.akcchf.org.)

7 Researchers are notified of their awards and grant agreements are mailed to the universities and research institutions.

6 Breed clubs are contacted to determine their interest in breed specific proposals. Most breed specific studies require financial support from breed clubs.

5 At the annual distribution meeting, the Grants Committee recommends applications to the Board of Directors for funding. Some applications may be approved but unfunded; staff may seek support for these grants through the next funding cycle.

1 National Parent Club Survey conducted biennially to determine research interests and priorities.

2 Requests for Pre-Proposal (RFPs) are mailed and/or e-mailed to more than 2,500 researchers at veterinary schools and research institutions worldwide. The Grants Committee reviews pre-proposals to determine which will be invited to continue in the process.

3 Based on Grants Committee recommendations, scientists are invited to submit full applications.

4 Reviewers are identified and full applications are mailed for evaluation and scoring by scientists of related expertise. Once peer reviews are received, full applications and reviews are provided to the Grants Committee for additional review and discussion.