

Animal Health Proposal Information

NOTE: FUNDING IS CONTINGENT ON FEDERAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

We expect to have Animal Health (Section 1433) Funds to support new projects for fiscal year 2012. As always, the USDA requires that proposals relate specifically to disease of food animals and/or horses. Studies of normal structure, function and process cannot be considered for support by animal health funds, regardless of the fact that the science is indeed worthy or of how important the studies may be as a basis for comparison with the disease state.

In the past, we have used a targeted call for proposals because of the low funding to submissions ratio. However, given the low number of submissions received last year, proposals that target animal health problems in food animals and/or horses caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi, protozoal and helminth parasites, and those of a noninfectious nature.

A revised project continues some phase of the old work with new methods of work plans and will compete with new proposals. Revised and new projects will be limited to duration of no more than three years. For all revised projects, we must have new CRIS forms and an updated outline. An extended project continues with the same outline to allow completion of data collection and analysis or writing of technical paper or report. Extensions should be sought through a written request and no CRIS forms are required. Extensions will be limited to nine months. However, the budget will be limited to meet essential needs for analysis of the data and completion of the project. Funds to support research assistants or other personnel (on such extensions) will be limited to six months.

The award criteria for funding for Animal Health projects will be slightly different from that followed for Hatch or McIntire-Stennis proposals. The intent is that these limited funds go to support the very best science studying important problems of animal health in Wisconsin. Specifically:

- There will be open competition within the Agricultural Experiment Station for these awards, regardless of department, extramural, or intramural (Hatch) support being received. Although status as a new faculty member will be acknowledged and taken into account, it will not be the principal criterion for award of funding.
- Proposals should discuss the significance of the disease process to be investigated, particularly as it related to animal health in Wisconsin.
- The School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) Research Committee will assign two reviewers on campus with expertise in the subject area of the proposal. Reviewers will be asked to review and rank the proposal according to published guidelines. The SVM Research Committee will sit as a panel to establish overall rankings of scientific merit and these recommendations will be forwarded to the SVM Associate Dean for Research for final funding decisions.
- Proposals will be recommended for funding in order of relative ranking with preference given to projects of immediate importance to animal health in Wisconsin. Project duration is up to three years.