



The ESVE Biobank Support Grant - Terms and Conditions

Introduction:

The ESVE Biobank Support Grant is designed to promote collaborative, multicentre research and further scientific progress in comparative endocrinology. This includes, but is not restricted to, studies that explore the underlying cause, progression or treatment of endocrine diseases. ESVE will fund 1-3 grants to a maximum of €5,000 per applicant.

A project will be considered if it fulfils the following criteria:

- The grant should support the collection and/or shipping of samples to allow collaborative, multicentre research. The grant should not be used to fund other items including travel, infrastructure, equipment, salaries, stipends or other associated research costs.
- The study should involve collection of samples from animals with naturally-occurring disease, i.e. without experimental or artificial induction of disease.
- The study should be supervised by veterinary surgeons with appropriate clinical skills and knowledge.
- The results of the study should further scientific knowledge in the field of small animal or comparative endocrinology.
- The proposed study should benefit from a multicentre / collaborative approach.
- At least one of the applicants must be a member of the ESVE.
- The project must comply with ethical standards within the countries involved.

Application:

An application form is provided on the ESVE site.

The application form includes the following sections:

- Applicant name
- Institution(s)
- Project summary (max 500 words)
- Materials / data to be collected
- Ethics approval
- Why should ESVE support this project? (max 200 words)
- Estimated cost (up to €5,000)
- Budget justification
- Timeline

Applications should be forwarded to m.f.vandenberg@uu.nl no later than Friday 15th March 2024. The subject should include "ESVE Biobank Support Grant Application" as well as the applicant's surname and institution. Applicants will be reviewed by an external committee, and decisions announced mid-April 2024.

Award:

If successful, the grant will be awarded in two stages.

- €2,000 will be awarded immediately.
- The remaining €3,000 will be awarded after one year, subject to submission of a progress report outlining the use of initial funds.
- If the initial €2,000 is spent before the end of the first year, the progress report can be submitted at that time, and remaining funds released prior to the end of the first year.
- The remaining €3,000 will only be released following submission of the progress report. Failure to complete the progress report within requested time limits may result in loss of outstanding funds.



- The amount of the grant does not include local taxes. The recipient is responsible for the payment of any such taxes.
- ESVE does not pay additional university indirect costs. The recipient is responsible for inclusion of any such costs within the funding limit.

The recipient must accept full responsibility for management, compliance, monitoring and control of all research work. The recipient must also ensure all ethical and legal requirements associated with the collection and shipment of biological samples are fulfilled.

If the recipient moves to another institution / practice, ESVE must be informed prior to the move. The impact of such a move on completion of sample collection should be detailed. Upon request, it may be possible to move the grant to the recipient's new institution, or to leave the grant managed by a different staff member at the original institution. ESVE may also terminate the grant if it is not convinced that continuation of the study is feasible.

Publications and publicity:

- ESVE reserves the right to publicise the awarding of grants, including details of successful recipients.
- Recipients should ensure that the contribution of ESVE is suitably acknowledged in any resultant publications.

Liabilities:

ESVE accepts no responsibility, financially or otherwise, for the expenditures or liabilities arising out of this project. The control of expenditure to be funded under this grant must be governed by the normal standards and procedures of the recipient and must be covered by the formal audit arrangements that exist in the recipient's institution.

Termination of a grant:

Following award of a grant, ESVE reserves the right to terminate the grant should there be a material breach that cannot be remedied.

The grant recipient and their institution / practice agree to abide by the above terms and conditions.

Signature of grant recipient:.....

Print name:.....

Date:.....

Signature of authorized representative of the institution / practice:.....

Print name:.....

Date:.....