AAVAC
Association of Avian Veterinarians Australasian Committee

AAVAC Ltd. Research Fund 2025

General

Grants for research projects addressing clinical aspects of exotic and wild birds, including diagnostic tests, drug pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics, practice management and avian conservation, are available from the Association of Avian Veterinarians Australasian Committee (AAVAC).

Five grants, totalling up to AUD $15,000, are available each year. Grants are limited to AUD $3,000 for individual projects. If fewer than five applications are received in any one year, this limit may be increased at the discretion of the Research Committee.

The grants are primarily directed towards:

1. Small research projects by private practitioners, such as histopathology on a series of cases.
2. Clinical research electives undertaken by final-year students who are required to source funding for their project.
3. Small research projects undertaken by university academics.

Advertising

1. The grants will be advertised through the AAVAC discussion list and newsletter each year.

Conditions

- The full project, or the portion of the project for which funding is requested, must be completed within one calendar year of acceptance.
- Costs such as travel expenses, publication costs, investigator or assistant salaries, major equipment purchases and overheads will not be funded by AAVAC.
- All prospective research studies must have approval from an Animal Ethics Committee. If approval is pending when the application is submitted, evidence of subsequent full approval must be provided to AAVAC before funds can be released.
- In the year following receipt of the grant, successful applicants must publish their results in a suitable peer-reviewed journal, such as:
  - *Eolophus*
  - *Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery (JAMS)*
  - *Avian Pathology*
  - *Avian Diseases*
  - *Emu*
  - *Australian Veterinary Journal*
  - *New Zealand Veterinary Journal*

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- Authors planning to publish in another journal must seek approval from the Research Committee. Successful applicants are also expected to present their findings at the annual AAVAC or AAV conference in the year following receipt of the grant.
- Successful applicants must provide a written research update to the AAVAC Research Committee at the end of the first calendar year following funding.
- Once the project is complete, successful applicants must submit a final research summary suitable for publication in the AAVAC newsletter. A financial reconciliation must be provided with the final research summary.
- Applications must be received by the AAVAC Research Committee between 1 March and 31 May each year.
- Grants will be announced through the AAVAC newsletter as soon as practicable and within three months of the application period closing.
- Grant payments will be made as a lump sum when the grants are announced.

Application requirements and limitations

- At least one applicant in the research group must be a financial member of AAVAC.
- A researcher may submit up to three applications, but no more than one application from any institution or practice may be approved each year.
- For prospective live-bird research involving anaesthesia, invasive surgery or surgery that causes a permanent change to the animal, a registered veterinarian must be listed as the principal investigator or a co-investigator.
- All conditions listed above must be met.
- If a researcher fails to meet these conditions, AAVAC may request a full refund of the grant.

Applications

- Applications must be presented on a single A4 page using a minimum font size of 10 points.
- The AAVAC Research Committee may request supporting documentation after reviewing an application.
- Each application must contain the following headings:
  - Title
  - Applicant details
  - Project summary
  - Background
  - Aims
  - Methods
  - Budget
  - Expected outcomes

Submission

Applications must be submitted as a word-processing document, not a PDF, and emailed as an attachment to admin@aavac.com.au no later than 31 May each year.