

**Horses and Humans Research Foundation
Innovation Grant
Letter of Intent Guidelines
Award - up to \$10,000**

Horses and Humans Research Foundation (HHRF) intends to award an Innovation Grant in 2017. Prior to submitting a full application, all applicants interested in the 2017 HHRF Research Innovation Grant are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI) by April 15, 2017.

The LOI summary should clearly describe the proposal to be submitted for the Research Innovation Grant (see attached description) and should include:

Cover page with 1) Title of project; 2) Name of associated institution(s) and collaborative partners (include any related EAA affiliations, accreditations and certifications); 3) Name of principal investigator with one paragraph description of qualifications; 4) Names of research team members with one paragraph description of qualifications; 5) Name, title and contact information for primary contact person 6) List of prior applications to HHRF (if applicable). Please include date and title of each project.

Project summary: Description of the research project should be no more than two pages (double spaced, 12-point font) and should address the primary criteria required for the innovation grant (see innovation grant description).

Based on this summary, a decision will be made about whether applicants will be invited to submit a full research grant application for review. LOI forms may take up to 2 months to process. Please note that invitation to submit a full proposal does not guarantee funding at any level.

Please email LOI to:

Email: info@horsesandhumans.org

Email subject should read: Innovation LOI + *Title of your project*

You will receive acknowledgement from HHRF regarding receipt of your LOI by 4/18/2017. If you do not receive verification please contact info@horsesandhumans.org

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Innovation Grant description

HHRF Innovation Research Grants investigate new ideas which may impact our understanding of horse-human interactions. The goal of the program is to advance our scientific understanding of the relationship between horses and humans and their role in contributing to the wellness of people.

The goal of this grant is to connect practice with scientific knowledge by supporting innovative research with high-impact potential that might not be funded through traditional channels. Our intent is to stimulate exploration, encourage the testing of hypotheses, and generate preliminary data that will open new pathways for future research.

Review Criteria

1. **Innovation:** The project concept should be original. It could challenge existing paradigms, present a unique hypothesis, or address a critical barrier that exists in the field. A qualified project will develop or employ novel concepts, approaches, methodologies, tools, or technologies.
2. **Significance:** The project should address an important problem directly related to the study of horse-human interaction and/or the impact of horses on the wellness of people. If the aims of the application are achieved, scientific knowledge or clinical practice should be significantly impacted. A qualified study will have a positive impact on the concepts, methods, and technologies that drive this field.
3. **Approach:** The conceptual framework, design, and methods of the study should be clearly developed to ensure successful achievement of the intended goals of the project. Potential problem areas should be acknowledged and corresponding alternative tactics included.
4. **Investigator:** The Principal investigator and/or the research team should be appropriately trained and reflect the experience needed to carry out this work.
5. **Environment:** The research environment should not only contribute to the probability of success, it should also reflect the highest related safety and quality standards. There should be clear evidence of availability of all resources or collaborations needed to support project's success.
6. **Impact:** Clearly explain how the project supports the HHRF Mission. *Through investment in rigorous research, Horses and Humans Research Foundation will serve as a catalyst to advance knowledge of horses and their potential to impact the health and wellness of people.*

Disciplines

Proposals are encouraged from all disciplines that may contribute to our understanding of horses and their potential to impact the health and wellness of people. These include, but are not limited to, biological, behavioral, medical, epidemiological, psychological, clinical and multidisciplinary investigations.