



CALAM/CALAS RESEARCH FUNDING COMPETITION 2017

Request for Proposals: Refinement of Use of Anesthesia or Analgesia in Laboratory Animals

The Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Medicine (CALAM/ACMAL) and the Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS/ACSAL) promote the reduction of pain and/or distress in laboratory animals used in research. In order to further the refinement of anesthesia and analgesia protocols for use in laboratory animals, CALAM/ACMAL and CALAS/ACSAL have jointly established a research funding competition. CALAM/ACMAL and CALAS/ACSAL are providing financial support for up to three analgesia or anesthesia-related research projects ranging from \$3000-5000 per project. This request for proposals is only open to current CALAM/ACMAL and/or CALAS/ACSAL members.

Eligible applicants: The lead applicant must be a CALAM/ACMAL and/or CALAS/ACSAL member.

Eligible expenses: The following items will be considered as eligible expenses: operating costs (including animal and facility costs), equipment related to the proposed project, materials and supplies, and research-related travel. The following items are ineligible expenses: salaries, indirect costs, administrative overhead, conference travel, student fees, and tuition.

Important Dates:

March 31 2017	Deadline for electronic receipt of proposals
April	Selection committee will meet to review proposals
April 28 2017	Announcement of approved projects

Proposals:

- Length:** Proposals must be limited to five (5) pages, including references and budget. Font size of the print should be **no less than 12 point, and margins no less than 2.5 cm**. Proposals failing to meet these guidelines will be rejected.
- Format:** The proposal should be prepared with the following sections:
 - Lay summary (to be published on CALAM/ACMAL-CALAS/ACSAL website and newsletter)
 - Introduction
 - Objectives and hypotheses
 - Materials and methods
 - Relevance of research to analgesia/anesthesia use in laboratory animals
 - Budget (please include sufficient detail for each budget item)
 - References

h. 2 page CV of the lead applicant and 1 page CV of all co-applicants (not included in page count)

Reporting structure: Within one calendar year of receiving funding, awardees will be expected to prepare a summary of their research findings for the CALAM/ACMAL and CALAS/ACSAL newsletters, and to present these findings at the annual CALAS/ACSAL Symposium. To help facilitate attending the symposium, the registration fee will be waived for individuals presenting their work.

Selection criteria: A joint CALAM/ACMAL-CALAS/ACSAL selection committee will evaluate proposals based on: scientific merit, feasibility, and relevance to CALAM/ACMAL-CALAS/ACSAL goals.

Acknowledgements: CALAM/ACMAL and CALAS/ACSAL funding support should be acknowledged on all oral or poster presentations, abstracts, and publications arising from the work.

All approved projects involving live animal use will require review by the recipient's Animal Care Committee and formal university assurance of an approved Animal Use Protocol must be provided prior to disbursement of any funds.

The completed proposal should be submitted electronically to admin@calam-acmal.org on or before March 31, 2017. Any queries about the program can also be directed to this email address.

Paper submissions and incomplete applications will not be considered.