

# Announcement of ACVD RESIDENTS' RESEARCH AWARD

## Sponsored by Stallergenes Greer

Applicants will be expected to propose a project of scientific merit that is applicable to veterinary allergy testing and/or treatment with allergen-specific immunotherapy (ASIT) in dogs, cats, or horses. The proposal should describe the project with a feasibility of completion within one to two years of the award and within the proposed budget. The total amount of funding available for the grant(s) is up to \$5,000 and the donation of supplies manufactured by Stallergenes Greer, if applicable, such as GREER Pick, Skintestor OMNI, allergenic extracts, etc. valued at approximately \$3,000. Any current ACVD Education Committee approved resident is eligible to apply.

Recipients of the award are required to provide to the Grant Committee Chair, Dr. Hilary Jackson ([pinerail@icloud.com](mailto:pinerail@icloud.com)), an update of their research on March 1 and September 1 annually until completion of the study. The update will be communicated to the sponsor.

Electronic proposals including budget and curriculum vitae should be submitted by **May 1, 2020** to the Executive Secretary of the ACVD:

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Proposals should be no more than five typed double-spaced pages. Guidelines for proposals are included below. Grants are evaluated on scientific merit, feasibility, and importance/relevance.

Applicants will be notified of the success of their proposals within two months of submission. Successful applicants will be expected to provide a final report and present the results of the project by the 2022 NAVDF.

## General Guidelines for Resident Research Proposals:

Proposals for the Stallergenes Greer Resident Award should be prepared according to the guidelines listed below: Applications not adhering to these guidelines may be excluded from consideration,

1. Proposals should be no more than five typed double-spaced pages. This does not include the title page, the budget page, amendments, references, or the curriculum vitae. Shorter proposals are acceptable and welcomed.
2. Title page should include the project title, the name and title of the investigator, the institution at which the research will be performed, and the dates of the proposed project period. This information (cover page) will be deleted during the evaluation process so that review may occur anonymously. Thus, applicants should try not to refer to themselves or to their University/Hospital in the actual proposal.
3. The objective(s) should be clearly stated. This may or may not include specific hypothesis to be addressed.

4. A justification for the project is necessary and should briefly reflect the results of a current literature review.
5. An experimental design/materials and methods section should be sufficiently detailed so that feasibility may be judged and this should include a brief description of the resources available to the investigators. It is important that data collection be discussed here, including how the data will be analyzed, interpreted, and to outline how the project is to be controlled. The type of statistical evaluation to be used for data analysis should be briefly detailed.
6. Any project proposal involving animals must be evaluated by the applicant's institution animal use committee and a statement to that effect should be included in the proposal. If client-owned animals are to be used in the project, a client permission form outlined for the project should be appended to the proposal.
7. A one-page detailed budget should be included. The committee will accept any reasonable expenses including office visits, client incentives and partial salary for technical assistance. (The committee would prefer that the money be used as incentives to be distributed to the client once they complete the project. This will ensure that there is enough money to complete the project since there is minimally a 25 % drop out rate).
8. References should be provided for methodology and any background information for the justification.
9. Curriculum vitae or shortened versions of each principal investigator should be appended to the proposal.

### **Special Requirements for the Stallergenes Greer Grant:**

1. Research projects that are candidates for funding must qualify by relating to veterinary allergy testing and/or treatment with ASIT.
2. Funding is limited to residents registered and recognized through the Education Committee of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology.
3. The Grant or Accounting department of the organization that the recipient is attending will monitor the utilization of funds awarded.
4. Results of the investigation will be written in a final manuscript suitable for publication and could provide a basis for meeting the current research and publication requirements for eligibility to take the certifying examination. Manuscript should be submitted within one year of completion of the project.
5. Review of the manuscript by Stallergenes Greer may be conducted when the study performed includes the use of or description of a product manufactured by Stallergenes Greer. Please contact Tracy Burchette at 828-759-7298 or send manuscript to [tracy.burchette@stallergenesgreer.com](mailto:tracy.burchette@stallergenesgreer.com). Recommendations will be made for manuscript modification in instances where inaccurate pharmaceutical information is present in the manuscript. The review process will be conducted in an efficient manner (7 – 10 days) so as not to interfere with specific deadlines required of the respective resident for eligibility to take the certifying examination.