



## **SCAS RESEARCH FUNDING 2022 – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

If your question is not answered here please do contact the Society for Companion Animal Studies (SCAS) by email [info@scas.org.uk](mailto:info@scas.org.uk).

### **WHAT DO WE FUND?**

The human-animal bond is a mutually beneficial and dynamic relationship between people and animals that is influenced by behaviours that are essential to the health and wellbeing of both. This includes, but is not limited to, emotional, psychological, and physical interactions of people, animals, and the environment.

During the 2022 round of funding, projects or research must be specifically related to the role of pets in the management of mental and/or physical health conditions.

Projects should last no longer than 12 months, be able to demonstrate clearly how the proposal meets the SCAS objectives, outline plans for future development and be able to start by 1 September 2022.

### **HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?**

Applications may be made in one of the following 3 categories:

- £10,000 maximum pump priming research awards
- £1,500 undergraduate students project award
- £1,500 maximum funding to support publication of research

### **WHAT CAN I NOT APPLY FOR?**

Funding cannot be used for:

- Anything that might endanger people or animals
- Anything that might be considered derogatory or defamatory to another company, organisation, individual or otherwise.
- A single source of salary for any individuals
- Anything unrelated to SCAS objectives
- Tuition fees
- Funding for PhD related studies

### **WHO CAN APPLY FOR FUNDING?**

At this time we are accepting funding applications from UK and international organisations/businesses. These might include charities, social enterprises, universities, private or public companies. Applications from consortia are welcome. Full details of the consortium partners and their role in the project/research must be clearly outlined. Individuals can be sponsored by relevant organisations to enable them to apply for funding.

We are not currently accepting applications for PhD studies. Any opportunities for PhD funding will be advertised on the SCAS funding page.

You can submit more than one proposal to the scheme if you wish.

### **CAN I APPLY WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS?**

Yes you can with partner organisations and this should be fully described in the application form. Whether funding is matched or not from elsewhere, SCAS funding must be used directly as part of the research or project. Cost tables must show what funding will be spent on. It is not acceptable for funding to be spent on anything other than for the project or our agreed spending.

### **WHEN CAN I APPLY?**

The call for funding opens on 10 February 2022 and closes on 30 April 2022.

### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

SCAS operates a one-stage online application form. Please ensure that all sections on the application form have been completed before you submit your application. Incomplete applications or applications received without the relevant attachments will not be reviewed or accepted. Please send completed application forms to: [info@scas.org.uk](mailto:info@scas.org.uk)

### **WHEN WILL I HEAR ABOUT THE OUTCOME?**

We will acknowledge receipt of your application with one week. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by 31 July 2022.

If your application is accepted you will receive an offer in writing from SCAS. This offer will contain any expectations or restrictions and the conditions of funding, key milestones for funding release and audit/monitoring expectations. If you accept the funding offer then you will be required to sign an agreement and return it to SCAS to start drawing down your funding.