

# BEVA Trust Practice Based Clinical Research Study Awards

Notes and Instructions for Applicants

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## 1. Introduction

The BEVA Trust Clinical Research Awards have been created to support evidence-based studies that will inform best clinical practice and so enhance the welfare of horses, ponies and donkeys. Currently there are limited funds available and individual awards are unlikely to exceed £10,000. Any equine veterinary clinical science subject is eligible for consideration for funding. Ideally studies should be undertaken prospectively and test a hypothesis based on the existing body of knowledge on the subject. Retrospective studies may be eligible for funding of costs of analysis of good quality clinical records (but not for recouperation of other costs), for example for transferring clinical record data into spreadsheet format to facilitate detailed analysis. Where appropriate, power calculations should be undertaken prior to the application and the basis of those included under heading (iii) in the description of the project. It is essential that within the application not only are there clear indications of study objectives and study design but also that important issues of ethical approval, bio statistical support and compliance with the Animal Scientific Procedures Act (ASPA) are addressed. Typically, applications will involve collaboration with individuals based in institutes/universities and these may be multi-centre studies.

## 2. Eligibility

Applicants must have at least 2 years continuous and current membership of BEVA and current employment in private veterinary practice.

This award is not intended as support for clinical training, The BEVA Trust Clinical Fellow Award exists for this purpose (this is detailed in a separate document on The BEVA website, [www.beva.org.uk](http://www.beva.org.uk)).

The awards are specifically to support clinical research using data generated in private practice rather than institute/university based studies.

The awards cannot be used to fund studies requiring licensing under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.

## 3. Terms and Conditions of Clinical Research Study Awards

If you would like to apply for the Clinical Research Study Award the closing dates are 1st May and 1st November annually.

Successful applicants must accept in writing within 14 days of The BEVA Trust funding offer.

The Clinical Research projects will typically be of 12 months' duration.

Reimbursement of expenditure associated with the clinical research project should be claimed by the award holder (and counter signed by the practice Principal) at monthly intervals. The final payment will be withheld until receipt of the report of the clinical research report.

A report of the completed project must be received within 3 months of the completion date of the project. The report may be placed on The BEVA Trust website.

At least one peer reviewed paper should be published to disseminate the results of the clinical research project.

The BEVA Trust must be acknowledged in all presentations and publications relating to the clinical research project.

Any person(s) receiving payments from the clinical research award is not an employee of The BEVA Trust and The BEVA Trust accepts no liability for any claim for compensation under any statute or common law or health and safety requirement.

All co-applicants and/or collaborators must sign the application.

Applications must be made utilising The BEVA Trust Clinical Research Award application form, which is available on [www.beva.org.uk](http://www.beva.org.uk)

# BEVA Trust Clinical Research Award Application Form

This form should be completed, signed and forwarded by 1st May and 1st November to:  
Jocelyn Telford, BEVA Trust, Mulberry House, 31 Market Street, Fordham, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 5LQ  
Tel: +44 (0)1638 723 555 Fax: +44 (0)1638 724 043 Email: [jocelyn@beva.org.uk](mailto:jocelyn@beva.org.uk)

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Name of applicant: .....

Address: .....

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Tel: ..... Email: .....

Current post(s) and start date: .....

Title of Project: .....

Please attach a description of your research project (not exceeding 4 pages) under the following headings:

- i) Summary
- ii) Introduction and background
- iii) Work leading up to the clinical research project
- iv) Study design, start date and timeline
- v) Study methods
- vi) Statistical methods
- vii) Anticipated benefits of the clinical research study and potential further studies

## FUNDING

Summary of the funds requested: .....

Salaries (inc. N.I and Superannuation): .....

Consumable Items: .....

Equipment: .....

Travel and subsistence: .....

Other: .....

TOTAL £ .....

# BEVA Trust Clinical Research Award Application Form cont...

**I confirm I have read and accept the terms and conditions of The BEVA Trust Clinical Research Award:**

**Signature:** .....

**Name:** .....

**Date:** .....

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**Name:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Signature:** .....

**Name:** .....

**Date:** .....

**I confirm my approval for this clinical study to be undertaken within this practice:**

**Signature of Practice Principal:** .....

**Name:** .....

**Date:** .....

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