



Global Research Programme

The aim of this grants programme is to produce, disseminate and enable the practical application of research that supports the strategic objectives of Global Programmes.

Therefore, we invite applications where the research focuses on one or more of the following topics:

- Dog and/or cat welfare standards in a rescue setting
- Health of dogs and/or cats
- Rescue, street, or roaming dog and/or cat populations
- Community engagement and education on responsible pet ownership
- Companion animal welfare standards, laws, and regulations and/or their enforcement

Applicants must demonstrate the following in their applications:

- The proposed research must clearly articulate how the findings will benefit dogs and/or cats, and how it meets a clear gap and builds on existing research.
- The proposed research must include a dissemination plan for sharing the research findings throughout the grant period.
- The proposed research must articulate how the findings can be practically applied within a rescue setting and/or in the sector more widely.

Application process

Applicants are advised to submit an Expression of Interest (stage 1) briefly outlining their proposed research. We are open to receive Expressions of Interest all year round. A Grants Manager will then be in touch to have a conversation with you to find out more about your organisation/institution and the research you are proposing. Following this, the Grants Manager may invite you to submit a Full Proposal (stage 2). Once the proposal is received, the application will be assessed by the Grants Manager, and they will inform you if the proposal will go forward to our expert reviewers and a review by our ethical panel. This process can take up to 8 weeks. Your Grants Manager will clearly outline the timeline in advance of submitting your full proposal. Should you not be successful at either stage, you will be provided with feedback.

Further information

- There is no minimum or maximum grant amount you must target. The grant amount requested will vary based on your country and activities. We recommend you submit an indicative total budget during stage 1, and your Grants Manager will provide further guidance as they balance the level of their funding allocated to their portfolio.
- Applicants can apply for up to 3 years of support, but you should outline how findings would be shared throughout that period. There is no minimum length of grant.
- Applicants (lead researcher/principal investigator) should hold a PhD or equivalent qualification and have a history of producing and publishing research in their chosen topic.
- The applicant should be based at a recognised organisation, think tank or academic institution (including universities).
- The applicant is expected to engage in wider Battersea activities such as sharing their research, for example, through webinars or blogs.
- We are seeking to support research where there is a clear benefit for the wider sector, not Battersea specifically.
- Battersea does not claim intellectual property rights of the research but would expect recognition of support in research products (such as reports, publications, presentations, etc). This helps others hear about Battersea's Research Programme.