



Application Checklist for Innovative Grant  
**The Scientific Review Committee emphasizes the following while reviewing proposals:**

- Innovation:** The project concept should be original and innovative. It could challenge existing paradigms, present an innovative hypothesis, or address a critical barrier that exists in the field. A qualified project will develop or employ novel concepts, approaches, methodologies, tools, or technologies.
- Significance:** The project should address an important problem directly related to the study of horse-human interaction and/or the impact of horses on the wellness of people. If the aims of the application are achieved, scientific knowledge or clinical practice should be significantly impacted. A qualified study will have a positive impact on the concepts, methods, and technologies that drive this field.
- Approach:** The conceptual framework, design, methods of the study should be clearly developed to ensure successful achievement of the intended goals of the project. Potential problem areas should be acknowledged and corresponding alternative tactics included.
- Impact:** How does this project relate to and support the mission of HHRF? Through investment in rigorous research, Horses and Humans Research Foundation will serve as a catalyst to advance knowledge of horses and their potential to impact the health and wellness of people
- There is a clearly stated purpose or question to address that will be the focus of the project
- Proof and results of the pilot test are provided (if available).
- Experimental design and methodology are appropriate to answer the purpose/question and are sufficiently detailed.
- Testing procedures are appropriate to the proposed population and are adequate to answer the research question (including inclusion and exclusion criteria).
- Statistical analysis is appropriate to the experimental design and methodology.
- Outcome measures are valid, appropriate and will answer the research question.
- A comprehensive, realistic and cost-effective budget is outlined.
- The outlined time frame for completion is realistic.
- Applicant team's research experience, credentials and institutional and program environment are adequate to manage and implement the entire project.
- Applicant team's credentials and/or experience are strong, not only for the purposes of carrying out the project, but to increase the probability of publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Safety/facility considerations to minimize risk are communicated.
- Project has been approved (or is intended to be approved by) an Institutional Review Board.
- Comprehensive literature review is provided as needed.
- The research question(s) being addressed will have a broad significance to EAA/T.