

## AOVET

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# The Unique Value of AO VET Research Grants

Orthopedic research is essential to improve patient outcomes, develop new treatments and technologies, and advance surgical techniques for musculoskeletal conditions.

However, conducting research—particularly for the first time—can present significant challenges, particularly in cases where it involves complex experiments, sophisticated equipment, and large sample sizes. The financial burden of these requirements can be substantial but is difficult to avoid: lack of access to adequate resources and support often impedes researchers from achieving their objectives.

Research grants not only provide researchers with the necessary financial resources to conduct high-quality research, but also offer access to valuable expertise. With the support of experienced professionals, researchers can benefit from guidance and advice that can help them to make the most of their funding and more effectively achieve their research goals.

### **From traditional research grants to investigator training**

AO VET's core activities are to support and foster research within the field of veterinary orthopedics; therefore, to maximize its impact, AO VET offers access to a network of collaborators, connects clinicians to researchers, and invests in young people.

AO VET is currently developing training grants to support investigators. These will create enhanced opportunities for structured research trainee mentoring, while introducing new, innovative surgical training courses focused on pre-clinical animal research best practices.

Moreover, AO VET will serve as a valuable resource for the wider AO group, promoting the ethical and appropriate use of animals in research.

### **Research grants offered by AO VET**

AO VET/ARI Collaborative Research Grants and AO VET Seed Grants are two exciting opportunities for researchers in the field of veterinary orthopedics. Both grants aim to support innovative research projects that will contribute to the advancement of musculoskeletal science in animals.

**AO VET/ARI Collaborative Research Grants** are meant to support general research and surgery-related clinical research that will be undertaken either partly or completely at the AO Research Institute (ARI) in Davos. Projects should relate to unanswered questions in veterinary and/or comparative orthopedics, and the methods to be used should be aligned with ARI resources and expertise. The grant also includes a 2-week Research Traveling Fellowship to Davos, Switzerland.

**AO VET Seed Grants** support projects across a wide range of research fields,

including unconventional and novel projects. While there is no specific restriction on the area of research, projects should address topics relevant to the clinical practice of veterinary orthopedics.

### **It goes beyond the financial fund**

In addition to providing financial support, AO VET and the AO Foundation offer a range of opportunities to support research projects. Applicants have the chance to connect with a group of research specialists, who can provide guidance and answer questions about their projects.

Furthermore, the AO Program for Education and Excellence in Research (AO PEER) is a knowledge platform specifically designed for healthcare professionals seeking to enhance their clinical research skills. It is open to all, and provides excellent resources to those looking to improve their abilities in this area. Discover more about the research funding opportunities [here](#) by AO VET.

