Veterinary Pioneers in Public Health Research Fund (Pioneer Fund)

Fund Administration and Objectives:
The Pioneer Fund is administered by the Director(s) of the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS). It funds customer focused, trans-disciplinary research supporting the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety’s service mission of addressing complex challenges at the interfaces of animal, public, and environmental health. Funding is provided by individual donors and organizations that support the mission of CAHFS.

Description and Timeline for Applications:
Applications for funding up to $15,000 should be submitted to the CAHFS Director of Operations, Linda Valeri at valer024@umn.edu on or before February 29, 2016.

Eligibility:
Applicants must be faculty at the University of Minnesota.

Required Application Materials:
Completed applications must include the following:
- Date of Application
- Name and Contact Information of Principal Investigator
- Amount of award requested and length of funding period up to a maximum of one year.
- Proposal, in no more than 4 pages, should include the following: brief project description, objectives, methods, timeline and deliverables.
- Budget proposal, including amount requested and detailed line item budget of total expenses

Selection Criteria/Procedures:
Application review and selection of the Pioneer Fund Awards will be conducted by a committee of faculty familiar with CAHFS mission, appointed by the fund administrators. No person may serve on the committee who is engaged in any of the grant applications. Awards will be based on the following criteria:
- Extent to which the proposed project aligns with the CAHFS mission.
- Involvement of external partners.
- Use of leveraged external funding, time, and/or effort to accomplish study objectives.
- Likelihood of achieving project goals within time period requested.

Award Requirements:
Within 4 weeks following the end of project funding, award recipients must:
- Submit a formal thank you letter to the Pioneer fund donors
- Submit a brief report of the study results