

**Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Mind Matters
Initiative
Sarah Brown Grant 2023**



Please return the completed form to Lisa Quigley (l.quigley@rcvs.org.uk) by **Wednesday 31 May 2023**

Personal Details

This section will be removed prior to judging. All submissions will be judged anonymously. *Please do not include identifying information in any other part of the form.*

Applicant Information	
Lead applicant name	
E-mail address	
University/Organisation affiliation <i>Grant funds will be not be paid to individuals and must be distributed via a third party organisation (usually the university where a researcher is based).</i>	
Additional members of research team	
Research supervisor details <i>Required unless primary applicant has significant experience in mental health research (e.g. PhD)</i>	

Research Proposal

Section A: Background and aims	
Proposed study title	
Please give a short summary of your study Word limit: 100 words	
Background, literature and rationale	

<p><i>Please outline any relevant literature or evidence, and highlight how this study will help to fill the knowledge gaps you have identified.</i></p> <p>Word limit: 300 words</p>	
<p>Study aims/research questions</p> <p><i>Please identify up to three primary study aims or research questions.</i></p>	

Section B: MMI Special Areas of Focus

The judges will consider submissions on any topic relevant to veterinary mental health. However, in line with the original aims of the Sarah Brown grants, and the strategic aims of MMI, we are particularly keen to support research on the following themes and topics.

Please outline how, if at all, your proposal fits in with the following areas of focus.

a) Research into veterinary suicide	
b) Research with a strong focus on mental health, rather than wellbeing/wellness	
c) Research with veterinary nurses, veterinary nursing students, and non-veterinary members of the practice team (e.g. receptionists)	
d) Research that seeks to understand the experiences of minoritised groups within the veterinary team	
e) Research led by those who typically receive fewer opportunities in academia: e.g. students, minoritised groups, those with lived experience of mental health problems	

Section C: Methodological approach	
Please describe your study design and proposed methods Word limit: 500 words	
Please detail your approach to participant recruitment (if applicable) Word limit: 250 words	
Please describe how analysis will be conducted. Word limit: 250 words	
What key challenges have been identified for this study? How might they be managed? Word limit: 250 words	

Section D: Impact and proposed outputs	
Please summarise the potential impact of the proposed research Word limit: 200 words	
Please give an outline of how you anticipate the findings from your study will translate into practice. Word limit: 200 words	
Please summarise any proposed outputs for this research. This should include a plan for communicating findings widely within the veterinary professions and any proposed conferences and publications. Word limit: 200 words	

Section E: Ethics, risk safety	
Please describe the ethical considerations associated with this study. How will	

<p>the study team ensure this study is ethically sound? <i>You may like to consider:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confidentiality - Physical safety/risk - Academic integrity - Professional conduct - Participant wellbeing 	
<p>Please give details of any plans to apply for ethical approval. If already approved, please give the name of the approval body and number/ID</p>	
<p>What are the key risks associated with this study? How will they be minimized/managed?</p>	
<p>Please outline your data management procedures, including the handling of sensitive personal data.</p>	
<p>Please describe how study participants (if applicable) will be safeguarded <i>Please consider the entire research process, from recruitment through to publication.</i></p>	

Section F: Diversity and inclusion	
<p>Please outline how your research proposal aligns with MMI's core values of inclusion, diversity and equity.</p>	

Section G: Researcher support and wellbeing	
<p>Researching mental health can be emotionally challenging. Please outline your plan for ensuring members of the research team are appropriately supported.</p>	

Section H: Resource planning	
Our grants typically run for one year. Please give an estimated timeline for the study, indicating key milestones.	
Our grants are for £20,000. Please give an estimated breakdown of how the £20,000 will be allocated.	
Please outline any other support, either financial or in kind, that has been requested or agreed from other organisations (e.g. other grants applied for)	

Please send your completed application form to Lisa Quigley on l.quigley@rcvs.org.uk

We will send acknowledgement of receipt for all applications.

The judges will be meeting in June and applicants will be informed of the outcome by mid-July