



The AALAS Grants for Laboratory Animal Science (GLAS) program, established in 2006, promotes the enhancement of scientific knowledge in laboratory animal science (LAS) through research. Examples of research interest are as follows: environmental conditions; housing and enrichment; pain and distress; health and welfare; euthanasia; and, advancements in animal care and use. Visit www.aalas.org/glas for a list of grants previously awarded.

The GLAS program provides two types of competitive one year research grants in laboratory animal science: the Standard Grant for up to \$50,000 and the Small Grant for up to \$7,500. Please note that the GLAS program does not fund indirect/overhead expenses.

Standard Grants are awarded for research proposals based on solid preliminary data. Review criteria for judging these proposals include: 1) relevance to and consistency with respect to the GLAS mission; 2) impact on the laboratory animal science field; 3) validity of methodology and analysis; 4) clarity and completeness; and 5) feasibility and capability to complete the project, i.e., collective investigator experience, equipment access, and budget. No more than \$1,000 may be budgeted for travel to the AALAS National Meeting to present study results. In general, the GLAS program discourages salary support, so a request for salary support requires detailed justification. Although studies are expected to be completed in one year, grant renewals will be considered. Grant renewal submissions follow these same guidelines.

Small Grants are awarded for research proposals that either: 1) answer a compelling scientific question but require only a small scale study; 2) provide pilot data for future funding proposals; 3) are proof-of-principle studies; or, 4) generate data that will likely guide management or technical practices within the animal facility. Highly innovative proposals are encouraged. Application review criteria include: 1) relevance to and consistency with respect to the GLAS mission; 2) innovation; 3) potential for impact on the laboratory animal science field; 4) need for a small grant to bring an idea/study to completion or as a basis to develop a new funding request for a larger scale study; and 5) feasibility – qualifications of the research team and available resources. Small Grants do not cover costs for salaries, facilities, equipment, or travel.

All applications will be reviewed for the benefit in outcomes relative to the proposed costs; therefore, every aspect of the budget requires justification.

Current AALAS members are invited to apply to the GLAS program. Collaboration with the broader scientific community is encouraged. Individuals who are new to research or are first-time grant applicants are encouraged to seek a mentor to guide them in preparing the application and conducting the study, if a grant is awarded.

The principal investigator (PI) must be an AALAS member, but co-investigators are not required to be AALAS members. There is no geographical restriction with regard to the investigators or the institution; international submissions will be considered.

Completed GLAS applications must not exceed the number of pages indicated in the submission guidelines and must be submitted electronically (for instructions, see GLAS Application Submission Guidelines). The deadline for submission each year is February 1, 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Application reviews and ranking are overseen by the AALAS Scientific Advisory Committee and funds will be allocated to the submissions with top merit. Applications selected for GLAS grants will only be funded pending

approval from the appropriate local oversight committee(s), e.g., Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Institutional Review Board, Institutional Biosafety Committee, or the equivalent advisory body for applicants from outside of the United States. Award recipients will be notified by April 30, and funds will be disbursed by May 31. One year post-award, recipients will be expected to submit a report on the use of the funding and the conduct and outcome of their study using the downloadable Final Report Form available on the GLAS web page.

The results generated by research must be published in a scientific journal, a public meeting presentation, or a published patent or patent application to satisfy the requirements of placing the research results in the public domain; and each entity or individual has the right to file and maintain patent applications and patents based on the research and results, and is not required to dedicate the patent rights to the public. In the event that a study is not completed, a statement of expenses must be submitted to AALAS within 18 months of acceptance of the grant and any remaining funds returned to AALAS.

Each GLAS award recipient is encouraged to submit an abstract for presentation at the AALAS National Meeting within 1 to 2 years of completing the research study. Within 2 years of completing the study, and if the research results warrant, awardees are encouraged to submit their findings to an appropriate journal, preferably *Comparative Medicine* or *JAALAS* for Standard Grants, or *Tech Talk* for Small Grants. Awardees should include the following acknowledgement in all publications: “The project described was supported by the Grants for Laboratory Animal Science (GLAS) from the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science.”

GLAS Program Timetable (applicable to Standard and Small Grant applications)

Year 1 Important Dates	January 25	Contact AALAS office by this date to initiate application.
	February 1, 11:59 pm	Submit GLAS application.
	April 30	Grant awardees are notified.
	May 31	Grant funds are disbursed.
Year 2 Important Dates	May 31	Grant ends.
	June 30	Study Final Report is due.