

## **Letter of Inquiry**

Total of 4 pages, maximum.

Font size 11 or bigger for text.

(Indicated page limits are guidelines only for individual sections, but your entire application may not exceed 4 pages.)

### **1. Executive summary (~1/2 page)**

The summary should indicate the specific problem that the project seeks to address, the approach proposed to solve this problem, and the expected impact of the project – if successful – at the end of the grant period. At the beginning of this section, **include one or two sentences in bold that capture the essence of your idea.**

### **2. Goals (~1 page)**

Describe the specific goals of the project and how they are responsive to the objectives noted in the Request for Proposals. Describe the gap in knowledge in *Campylobacter* transmission that the proposed study will fill. Specify any hypotheses that will be tested. If applicable, briefly present any relevant preliminary data. Indicate the expected results from the project. Briefly indicate what the next steps might be and how the project's results could lead to interventions to improve health.

### **3. Study Design, Scope, and Approach (~1 page)**

This section should include a clear articulation of the research questions and a description of the proposed research study. Please include study design, methods to be used for surveillance of infection in humans and animals, collection of environmental samples, and detection of *Campylobacter*. Please include a brief description of planned sampling strategy, or if samples were already collected as part of a previous study, please include a description of how they were collected and stored.

### **4. Organization and Investigator Capabilities & Collaboration (~1/2 page)**

Summary of the lead PI's and applicant organization's previous experience and expertise that is relevant to this call. A description of collaborations, and if/how partnerships will be established (letters of support are not expected at this stage). This should include a description of where samples will be stored and analyzed, a plan to store isolates for future studies as well as a plan to share data.

### **5. Budget (~1/2 page)**

Summarize by research objective for each year of the project.

**Submissions that exceed 4 pages total will not be reviewed.**