



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Animal Ethics Committee Members

ABOUT US

UniSQ's Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) oversees the care and use of animals in research and teaching at the University of Southern Queensland.

Governed by the Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes, the UniSQ AEC meets every two months, in-person or virtually to review proposed animal use activities.

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Expressions of Interest (EOI) are sought from the community for AEC members in each of the categories below:

Category A member (Veterinarian) – a person who:

- I. holds qualifications in veterinary science that is recognised for registration as a veterinary surgeon in Australia
- II. has experience relevant to institution's activities or the ability to acquire relevant knowledge.

Category B member – a person who:

- I. holds a higher degree in research qualifications (or equivalent experience) in a field related to the care and use of Animals for Scientific purposes
- II. possesses substantial and recent experience in the care and use of Animals for Scientific Purposes.

Category C member (Animal Welfare) – a person who:

- I. has a demonstrable commitment to, and established experience in, furthering the welfare of animals
- II. is not employed by or otherwise associated with UniSQ; and
- III. is not currently involved in the care and use of animals for scientific purposes.

Category D member (Layperson) – a person who:

- I. is not employed by or otherwise associated with UniSQ;
- II. has never been involved in the use of animals for scientific or teaching activities, either in employment or beyond an undergraduate education; and
- III. does not fit the requirements for Category A – C membership.

REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance at meetings: The AEC ordinarily meet 6 times per year. Members are ordinarily required to attend in person, but members may also attend via zoom to ensure COVID-Safe practices are met. Meetings are scheduled on a Thursday from 2:30pm – 5:00pm.
- Maintain confidentiality of Committee proceedings
- Time commitment: Approximately six (6) hours per meeting cycle; this involves reading of allocated applications and attendance at the meeting

BENEFITS

- Members external to UniSQ will receive a username and email address which provides access to the University's library and MS Suit.
- Training support to enable you to fulfil your duties.
- Insight into the range of research activities undertaken by UniSQ researchers.

IS THIS ROLE FOR YOU?

- You have a **genuine interest in animal welfare** and the ethical treatment of animals
- You are **willing and able to learn**, understand and apply **ethics principles**.
 - The University follows the guidelines published by the Australian Government funded National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), specifically the [Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes 8th Edition 2013](#)
- You can attend and participate in meetings (includes a pre-review of applications prior to the meeting, and discussion of feedback at the meeting).
- You have access to a computer and have good computer literacy. We will guide you through the use of our online Research Information System to enable you to access meeting documents.
- You can **attend professional development** opportunities to further your knowledge and application of ethical thinking (where possible these will be integrated into meetings or available online so as not to be overly burdensome for members).

HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

1. Complete the AEC EOI Application Form, which can be found at our [Animal Ethics](#) webpage.
2. Email the form, together with an outline of your interest in serving on our committee as well as your current resume to: animal.ethics@unisq.edu.au

More information

If you have any questions about the role or responsibilities of these positions, or would like to view the Committee's **Terms of Reference**, please contact the Ethics team:

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