

# Expression of interest

## Animal Ethics Committee membership

The University has two Animal Ethics Committees (AEC) that are responsible for ensuring that all activities relating to the care and use of animals for scientific purposes are conducted in compliance with the [Animal Research Act and Regulations](#) (NSW), the [Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes](#) (Animal Code), and any other relevant state/territory legislation, guidelines and University policies and procedures.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from veterinarians to join the Animal Ethics Committees (AEC) as a Category A (veterinarian) member.

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the ethical oversight of animal research and actively engage with our research community. In this voluntary role, you will gain insight into research ethics and collaborate with others who share an interest in research and teaching. At the University of Sydney, our committees review projects across diverse disciplines, including wildlife studies, veterinary science and farm animal research.

### Category A Veterinarian – membership eligibility

A person with qualifications in veterinary science that are recognised for registration as a veterinary surgeon in Australia, and with experience relevant to the institution's activities or the ability to acquire relevant knowledge.

### What the role involves

- Reviewing proposals online
- Attending a monthly meeting: Thursdays, starting at 12:30pm for approximately 2-4 hours
- Participating in 1-2 animal facility inspections per year

Agendas are provided two weeks prior to meetings to allow sufficient time for reviews. Lunch and refreshments are provided during meetings. AEC members who are external to the university will receive a financial benefit of up to \$300 per meeting, to acknowledge their time and contribution to the AEC in this voluntary capacity.

### Training

The ethics office provide training to navigate the online system, and what to look for when conducting reviews. We also provide ethics training sessions on specific topics from time to time which you are welcome to attend. Attendance at relevant conferences is also made available to committee members, either in person or online. Reviews are guided by the [Australian code for the care and use of animal for scientific purposes](#) and our team are available to assist with state legislative requirement.

### Expressions of interest

If you are interested in serving on the AEC, please complete and return this form to [animal.ethics@sydney.edu.au](mailto:animal.ethics@sydney.edu.au)

**Please note: The NSW Department of Primary Industries requires a supporting CV for all new AEC members. Please also include your title and your address on the CV.**

*Note as part of our induction processes and licence requirements, some of the information you provide will be shared with the Ethics Office, the AEC Chairperson(s), other AEC members, and state/territory government regulators.*

### Contact details

**Name including Title**

**Email**

**Phone**

**Dietary requirements**

*For catering of meetings/events*

### Membership details

**Category A – Veterinarian**

**Organisation**

**Australian veterinary surgeon registration number**

**Declarations**

- ☐ I have not been convicted in New South Wales of an animal cruelty offence that is punishable by imprisonment for 12 months or more or have been convicted anywhere outside NSW of an offence that, if committed in NSW, would be an offence so punishable.
- ☐ I have attached a CV that details my qualifications in veterinary science and my experience with animal research and/or teaching.

**Attachment(s)**

### Committee info

**Species expertise and/or interests**

*Tick all that apply*

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**Comments**

**Research/teaching expertise and/or interests (if applicable)**

*List all that apply – including research/teaching area, discipline or field and research/teaching procedures, techniques*

**Conflicts of interest**

*List any real or perceived conflicts that may impact your ability to review AEC matters (e.g. personal or close working relationships or collaborations with potential applicants, involvement with organisations with an interest in the research/teaching area, etc.)*