

ANZCCART- NZ Board position (Secondary Education)

ANZCCART-NZ, the New Zealand Board of the Australian & New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching, is looking for a new ANZCCART NZ Board Member. It is an honorary, expenses paid, position that may take the equivalent of 10 days a year of your time.

What is ANZCCART?

ANZCCART is two independent organisations in each of Australia and New Zealand committed to providing leadership in addressing ethical, social, cultural and scientific issues relating to the use and welfare of animals in research and teaching. We have a shared Vision, Mission and Role in society. ANZCCART- NZ is the New Zealand committee, which is a standing committee of Royal Society Te Apārangi. ANZCCART-NZ comprises about 10 people who are researchers, animal welfare proponents and educationalists who meet face to face about 5 times a year and who undertake a variety of activities between meetings.

What is ANZCCART's vision and mission?

ANZCCART's vision is to be the leading source of information and advice concerning the ethical, social, cultural and scientific use of animals in research and teaching.

ANZCCART's corporate mission and objectives are to promote:

- Informed open discussion and debate within the community when considering ethical, social, cultural and scientific issues relating to the use of animals in research and teaching, by providing a neutral forum.
- Excellence in the use and welfare of animals supplied for or used in research and teaching.
- Responsible scientific use of animals.
- The 3Rs principle of Replacement, Reduction and Refinement as they apply to the use of animals for scientific purposes.
- Strategic partnerships to contribute to the education and training of scientists, students, animal care staff, members of Animal Ethics Committees, and the broader community.

ANZCCART seeks to achieve these objectives, first by providing an ongoing focus to the social, ethical, cultural and scientific issues involved, second by providing a forum for discussion of these issues and third by facilitating access to relevant specialist advice and resources. Further, through its publications and activities ANZCCART is a source of information for the general public about how animals are used in research and teaching in Australia and New Zealand.

Established as a standing committee of the Royal Society Te Apārangi, the Board of ANZCCART New Zealand comprises representatives from the research, animal welfare, animal ethics and education communities.

What is on the programme of ANZCCART – NZ?

- Encouraging more openness around the use of animals by organisations undertaking research or teaching using animals, through the ANZCCART NZ Openness Agreement
- Informing and supporting the use by schools of animal ethics committees when using animals for teaching

- Developing new three Rs booklets, linked to Three Rs awards
- Filling the knowledge gaps identified by a public survey on attitudes to animal use in research and teaching

Attributes & experience sought for the position

- An interest in the topic is essential, as is an empathy for ANZCCART's raison d'être.
- Experience and/or sound knowledge of the secondary education sector.
- It is not necessary to have detailed knowledge or experience with the use of animals in research and/or teaching. The successful applicant will quickly learn any science or law needed, in part from other committee members.
- Interested applicants need to be at ease in dealing with ethically complex and socially controversial issues.
- Excellent communication skills and media experience will be a benefit.

Further information

If you would like more information, or express an interest in the role, please contact Dr Marc Rands at the [Royal Society Te Apārangi](#): Tel: 04 472 7421, or email: anzccart@royalsociety.org.nz