

## ***Make a difference for Tasmania***

Expressions of interest are sought for membership of the Tasmania Human Animal Ethics Committee (AEC). The Tasmania AEC oversees the care and use of animals in research and teaching at the University of Tasmania and ensures all animal care and use is done in accordance with the Australian Code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes (*Code*).

The Tasmania AEC is governed by the University of Tasmania, the sole University operating for Tasmania. The University of Tasmania aims to serve the interests of the state by governing and facilitating research that makes a difference for and from Tasmania, making Tasmania more prosperous, equitable and sustainable.

The AEC ensures that the ethical review, approval, and monitoring of the care and use of animals, specifically non-human vertebrates and cephalopods, for scientific purposes conducted on behalf of the University of Tasmania is compliant with the *Code*. The AEC is required to register and inspect all animal holding, experimentation, transportation, and breeding facilities on behalf of the University.

### **About the role**

If you are eager to make a contribution to Tasmania by promoting and advocating for excellent and ethical animal research, express your interest to join the Tasmania AEC as a category C member.

Under the *Code*, the category C member is a person with demonstrable commitment to, and established experience in, furthering the welfare of animals and

- i. who is not employed by or otherwise associated with the institution and who is not currently involved in the care and use of animals for scientific purposes.
- ii. Veterinarians with specific animal welfare interest and experience may meet the requirements of this category
- iii. While not representing an animal welfare organisation, the person should, where possible, be selected on the basis of active membership of, and endorsement by, such an organisation

The category C member will typically attend 1-2 meetings per month of approximately 2 hours duration, plus allocate a time to preparation (reading and reviewing applications).

### **Each member should:**

- Become familiar with the Australian Code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes
- Prepare for and attend scheduled meetings

To apply, please complete and return the application form and expression of interest to [DVCR.Secretariat@utas.edu.au](mailto:DVCR.Secretariat@utas.edu.au).

For further information please contact:

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**Application Form for Membership**

**University of Tasmania's Animal Ethics Committee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone (daytime): \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All members must have email access for the purposes of the administration of the committees

**I wish to be considered for membership of the University of Tasmania's Animal Ethics Committee in the following category:**

**Category C**—a person with demonstrable commitment to, and established experience in, furthering the welfare of animals, who is not employed by or otherwise associated with the institution, and who is not currently involved in the care and use of animals for scientific purposes. Veterinarians with specific animal welfare interest and experience may meet the requirements of this category. While not representing an animal welfare organisation, the person should, where possible, be selected based on active membership of, and endorsement by, such an organisation.

Please provide a **written expression of interest** (1-2 pages) outlining your interest in the role, skills, capabilities, and experience and specifically address the following points:

- **Qualifications.** Appropriate, relevant qualifications for categories c membership
- **Work experience.** Current and previous, including voluntary work.
- **Board/committee experience and community involvement.** Give details on current or past membership of business, professional or community organisations and positions held.
- Do you have the ability to contribute confidently to discussion in a small group setting?
- Do you have knowledge of animal research and ethical issues (including familiarity with the [Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 8th edition \(2013\)](#)) or do you have the desire and ability to acquire such knowledge and skills?

**Please attach a copy of your resume to your application.**

Selection of membership will be undertaken by a Selection Committee and due consideration will be given to the current composition of the Committees as well as the need for stability and the effective functioning of the Animal Ethics Committee.