

Make a difference for Tasmania

Expressions of interest are sought for membership of the University of Tasmania [Animal Ethics Committee](#) (AEC). The 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](#) (the Code).

The 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 AEC as a **category B** member.

Under the Code, the **category B** member is a suitably qualified person with substantial and recent experience in the use of animals for scientific purposes relevant to the institution and the business of the AEC. This must include possession of a higher degree in research or equivalent experience.

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

For UTAS **category B** members, this will be a dual role and include **Research Ethics Advisor** duties. Research Ethics Advisors are academic leadership positions appointed to champion the University's Research Ethics Framework and to provide College-based academic advice, guidance and mentoring aimed at improving the quality of ethics 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 see the attached application form and instructions.

Application Form for Membership University of Tasmania Animal Ethics Committee

I wish to be considered for membership of the University of Tasmania [Animal Ethics Committee](#) as a **category B** member:

A suitably qualified person with substantial and recent experience in the use of animals for scientific purposes relevant to the institution and the business of the AEC. This must include possession of a higher degree in research or equivalent experience.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

All members must have email access for the purposes of the administration of the committee.

Please send the completed application form, along with the below, to Animal.Ethics@utas.edu.au:

1. A copy of your resume
2. A written expression of interest (1-2 pages) outlining:
 - Your interest in the role, skills, capabilities and experience
 - Your qualifications that are relevant for **category B** membership
 - Your current and previous work experience, including voluntary work
 - Your board/committee experience and community involvement (membership of business, professional or community organisations and positions held)
 - Your ability to contribute confidently to discussion in a small group setting
 - Your knowledge of animal research and ethical issues and/or the ability to acquire such knowledge and skills

Selection of membership will be undertaken by a Selection Committee. Due consideration will be given to the current composition of the Committee, as well as the need for stability and the effective functioning of the AEC.

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