



# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEMBERS

## Animal Ethics Committee

### ABOUT US

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

The AEC is required to register and inspect all animal holding, experimentation, transportation, and breeding facilities on behalf of the University.

The UniSQ AEC meets every two months, both in-person or virtually (COVID-Safe practices in place) to review and assess the ethical and scientific validity of UniSQ's use and care of animals for scientific purposes.

### CONTACT

PHONE | 07 4631 5457

EMAIL | [animal.ethics@usq.edu.au](mailto:animal.ethics@usq.edu.au)

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are being sought from interested persons to volunteer with the UniSQ AEC in one of the categories in accordance with the Australian Code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes (*the Code*):

**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; and
- II. possesses substantial and recent experience in the care and use of Animals for Scientific Purposes.

**Category C member** – 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** – 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 allowances have been made to attend via zoom to ensure COVID-Safe practices that are in place are met. Meetings are scheduled on a Thursday from 2:30pm – 5:00pm. ([UniSQ meeting Schedule](#))
- **Time commitment:** Approximately six (6) hours per meeting cycle; this involves reading of allocated applications and attendance at the meeting

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> Edition 2013
- You can attend and participate in meetings as described in the requirements (includes a pre-review of applications prior to the meeting, and discussion of feedback at the meeting).
- You have used online software programs and are **comfortable with learning to use the new UniSQ Research Information Systems Ecosystem (RISE)** which researchers will use to submit online application forms to UniSQ for review.
- 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 JOIN

1. Complete the AEC EOI Application Form, which can be found at the [Animal Ethics](#) webpage.
2. Email the form, together with your current resume to: [animal.ethics@usq.edu.au](mailto:animal.ethics@usq.edu.au)

### More information

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

(07) 4631 5457 | [animal.ethics@usq.edu.au](mailto:animal.ethics@usq.edu.au)

