News story: Recruitment of 6 new members of the ASC

Do you want to be part of a committee playing a key role in advising the government on a range of issues relating to the welfare of animals used in research?

The Animals in Science Committee are seeking 6 new members to deliver policy advice to ensure that government is best placed to maintain the highest standards in the welfare of animals used in research.

Location: Central London.

Time commitment: The expected time commitment is 10 to 15 days per year.

Remuneration: Unremunerated; however, travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed.

The ASC is an independent, advisory non-departmental public body that provides independent, impartial and objective advice to the Home Office on issues relating to the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (as amended) and its functions under it.

As well as providing impartial and objective advice to government, the ASC also advises animal welfare and ethical review bodies on issues relating to the 1986 Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act and their functions under it. On an international level, the ASC also has a role in the exchange of information and exploring possibilities for collaboration with 'national committees for the protection of animals used for scientific purposes'.

To complement its existing skills and knowledge, the ASC is seeking up to 6 new members with demonstrable expertise in one, or more, of the following areas:

- veterinary science
- neuroscience
- industry (pharmaceutical/toxicology)
- animal technology/welfare/3Rs
- legal expertise (regulatory)

You will possess the ability to think logically and objectively in analysing complex information, from diverse sources, in order to identify key issues and make effective decisions. You will also have a clear understanding of the breadth and depth of ethical issues in relation to the use of animals in science, along with an awareness of how the views of the scientific community and the public are changing politically and socially.

This will be a 3 year appointment with the possibility of re-appointment.

Read more information and details of how to apply

The closing date for applications is 11pm, Monday 28 January 2019.

We value and promote diversity and are committed to equality of opportunity for all and appointments made on merit.