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Community Member Needed for Animal Care Committee

Yukon University is currently seeking a volunteer from the community to serve as a member of our Animal Care Committee (ACC).

The ACC reviews the ethical acceptability of all research and teaching activities involving animals in compliance with the [Canadian Council on Animal Care](#) (CCAC), YukonU's Animal Care and Use Policy, and other relevant ethical standards, policies, and legislation. The community representative brings different perspectives and concerns to animal-based research and teaching activities than the institutional members.

Responsibilities

- The main role is to represent community interests, opinions, and concerns regarding animal-based research and teaching at Yukon University.
- Work with the members of Yukon University and its Animal Care Committee to ensure good animal care and use at the institutional level.
- Provide an external, community perspective to the review of animal-based research and teaching activities to provide balance and credibility to this process.
- To actively participate in discussions with other ACC members
- Participate in the review and design of ACC documents and procedures
- Be familiar with CCAC and YukonU policies and procedures.

Training and Support

- Yukon University provides opportunities for professional development, mentorship and networking. Where possible they support the members attendance at regional or national conferences, but training will also be provided at local workshops, seminars and online courses.
- There is much learning on the job with the support of the Animal Care Committee members and the Research Ethics Coordinator.

Time Commitment:

- At least 3-4 meetings annually. These will be scheduled at times during work week that allow for all members to participate. They will be held in-person at YukonU whenever possible. Meetings are approximately 2 hours and additional time is required for the review of documents in preparation for the meetings.
- Review of 3-4 applications annually plus operational materials
- A two-year commitment to the committee is required. This may be extended for additional two-year terms.

Qualifications

- Any **local resident** over 18 years old

- Community representatives should **not** be currently or recently affiliated with Yukon University (current or former employees of YukonU are not eligible).
- Can have any background as long as they have **never worked with animals for scientific purposes**.
- No conflict of interest that would compromise this role.
- Actively interested in the care and use of animals.
- A commitment to bringing a public perspective to help the ACC achieve its mandate. The community member requirement is essential to help broaden the perspective and value base of the ACC, and thus advances dialogue with, and accountability to, relevant communities."
- Time to devote to the ACC's activities and willingness to work in a constructive and collaborative manner.
- Computer skills in order to receive / send email and comfortable with Microsoft Office and navigating through an online system for access to documents.
- An understanding of scientific terminology would be an asset.

Benefits

- Library privileges at YukonU
- Expanded network of professional colleagues
- Training opportunities
- Opportunity to ensure that animals involved with research and teaching practices are treated with care and respect.

More information regarding the role of a [Community Representative here](#).
https://ccac.ca/Documents/Assessment/Community_representatives_manual.pdf

To apply: Please forward your expressions of interest to the Research Ethics Coordinator (vwalker@yukonu.ca).

Questions about this position? Contact the Research Ethics Coordinator, Valoree Walker at vwalker@yukonu.ca or the current ACC Chair, Veronica Ryan at vrryan@yukonu.ca. Please submit your information to vwalker@yukonu.ca. More details on the ACC at <https://www.yukonu.ca/research/our-services/animal-care>

Thank you for considering this opportunity to provide service in support of ethical animal-based research and teaching practices at Yukon University.