



THE CCAC IS SEEKING ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP

The Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) is recruiting animal welfare organizations to join its membership. CCAC membership provides organizations with the opportunity to collaborate and contribute to setting, maintaining, and overseeing the implementation of high standards for animal ethics and care in Canadian science. If you work with, contribute to, or support an animal welfare organization that may have an interest in becoming a member of the CCAC, please forward this information to the appropriate contact.

CANADIAN COUNCIL ON ANIMAL CARE

Created in 1968, the CCAC is an independent, non-profit organization, acting in the interests of the Canadian people. Since its inception, the CCAC has continually advanced high standards of animal ethics and care in Canadian science through its one-of-a-kind peer review system. More than 2,000 volunteer experts, serving on more than 190 local animal care committees, help fulfill the CCAC's mandate and deliver its programs in institutions across Canada every day.

OUR VISION

The highest standards of animal ethics and care are valued and assured in all animal-based science conducted throughout Canada.

OUR MISSION

The CCAC works to ensure that animal-based science in Canada takes place only when necessary and that the animals in the studies receive optimal care according to high quality, research-informed standards.

OUR MANDATE

Acting in the interest of the people of Canada, the CCAC advances animal ethics and care in science by:

- developing science-informed standards that incorporate expert opinion, the values of Canadians, and strategies to reduce the need for, and harm of, animals in science, while promoting their well-being;
- encouraging the implementation of the highest standards of ethics and care for animals in science in collaboration with the animal care community and scientists across Canada;
- providing assessment and certification programs that empower scientific institutions in achieving high standards of animal ethics and care; and
- providing education, training, and networking opportunities to support individuals, animal care committees, and institutions in implementing our guidelines and sharing best practices in the oversight of animal ethics and care in science.

OUR PRINCIPLES

Respect for Animal Life

Respect for animal life is the driving force behind all of CCAC's standards development, assessment, and certification activities.

Evidence

CCAC standards are based on scientific evidence.

Transparency

The CCAC operates in a manner that is transparent and fair, and open to close public scrutiny.

Partnership

The CCAC works in partnership with its member organizations, program participants and stakeholders to advance animal ethics and care in science.

Inclusiveness

The CCAC works with all stakeholders, seeking advice and perspectives from expert peers and public representatives to achieve consensus on issues surrounding animal ethics and care in science.

Integrity

The CCAC conducts all activities and affairs with honesty and always acts in accordance with high ethical standards.

THE ROLE OF CCAC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

The CCAC's membership is currently comprised of [22 member organizations](#) from across the country, with an interest in science, education, and animal ethics and care. The diverse composition of its membership reflects a wide range of interests, concerns, and objectives surrounding animal-based science in Canada.

Each appoints one representative to attend the CCAC's annual general meeting with the authority to vote on the member organization's behalf. Member organizations also elect the directors of the board which is charged with steering the direction of the CCAC in accordance to its mandate.

In the pursuit of the CCAC's objectives, member organization representatives are expected to contribute to, and support the work of, the CCAC's standing committees (Standards, Assessment and Certification, and Public Affairs and Communications), subcommittees, and task forces.

HOW TO JOIN THE CCAC

If your organization is interested in joining the CCAC membership, please forward a statement of interest and a completed application form to nominations@ccac.ca at any time. However, only applications received by May 8, 2020 will be considered at the June 2020 annual general meeting.

In assessing the information provided in the application package, the following criteria will guide the CCAC:

- member organizations have an interest in furthering the CCAC's mandate and endorse its vision, mission, and principles;
- membership is limited to Canadian organizations. Typically, member organizations are national in scope; however, the CCAC may also consider provincial or regional organizations; and
- member organizations should be involved in work that relates to the CCAC's mission, activities, and/or the Three Rs.

Successful applicants should expect an answer by June 2020.

If you require more information or would like to further discuss CCAC membership, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Pierre Verreault, Executive Director, at 613-238-4031 ext. 224 or at pverreault@ccac.ca.