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RESEARCH OFFICE LAN NOTICE

The UKZN Animal Research Ethics Committee (AREC) is based at the UKZN Research Office, Westville Campus.

There are currently **five** vacancies at AREC. These are **unpaid voluntary positions**.

Suitably qualified members of the university and/or surrounding professional community are invited to apply to serve as volunteer members of AREC for a period of four years, renewable.

AREC meets monthly and there is a considerable workload of up to 1-4 hours per week between meetings. Rapid turnaround is required on all AREC work. Most AREC meetings are virtual (MS Teams) but at least two per annum are held in person at the Research Office at the Westville campus of UKZN with a hybrid option on MS Teams.

All members, except for community members are required to have substantial experience in animal research and a working knowledge of animal ethics principles.

Current vacancies require persons with the following skills:

Vacancy 1: Animal Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Vacancy 2: Animal Research in Toxicology

Vacancy 3: Animal Research using Invertebrates, with knowledge on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems

Vacancy 4: Registered Veterinarian as an additional category A member

Vacancy 5: An additional community member, interested in ethics and not affiliated with UKZN, any other academic institution and not involved in animal research

AREC is registered as a Research Ethics Committee with the National Health Research Ethics Council of the SA Department of Health, and with the US Office for Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW). AREC activities must comply with these regulating bodies and the SANS10386:2021. See the AREC website or contact the administrator for the committee Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures.

While prior animal ethics experience will be an advantage introductory training will be provided for new members. Selected candidates will be required to complete online research ethics training (AREC will cover training costs).

Please send a short (max 1p.) motivation and current CV to the AREC administrator, Ms Mariette Snyman snymanm@ukzn.ac.za by **22 May 2026**. Applications will be reviewed by the AREC committee and applicants will be notified of outcomes.