

Role profile: AWF Grants Committee member

Purpose of role:

The AWF Grants Committee ensures that research projects funded in total or in part by AWF advance the science of animal welfare, are based on good science, provide value for money and are developed and promoted appropriately to enhance scientific knowledge and deliver practical solutions wherever possible.

The Grants Committee is responsible for implementing and overseeing AWF's grant making function. This will include reporting to and advising AWF's Board of trustees, individual members will act as the points of contact for specific research projects.

Key responsibilities:

- Consider the priorities of welfare issues, requests from BVA and other professional bodies and other funding organisations alongside any identified gaps in evidence and scientific knowledge
- Draft the call for submissions on subjects as outlined above and contribute to the communication campaign by drawing on own networks
- Agree on the application and reporting process and draft appropriate papers
- Review and shortlist applications against key criteria including validity, cost benefit and possibility for further work and/or practical solutions where appropriate
- Where appropriate, appoint peer reviewers and request clarification and further information from applicants
- Make recommendations to the Board on which applications to support
- Ensure implementation of funded projects in line with agreed terms and conditions
- Review project reports at the agreed intervals and update the committee on progress
- Deal with requests from the applicants and seek committee approval for any changes in budget, scope and timeline of project
- Ensure adequate publication of project findings in appropriate spaces
- Review the final project report and produce a lay summary for the committee and AWF Charity Operations Manager
- Liaise with the applicants on the possibility of further research and/or development of practical solutions, make recommendations on these to the committee and the Board of Trustees.
- Where possible, monitor impact (e.g. 18 and 36-month review periods for practical outcomes, 5 and 10-year review periods for larger and longer-term projects) and report on these to the committee and AWF Charity Operations Manager.

Knowledge, skills, and expertise:

- Relevant experience in academia, veterinary practice or working in animal welfare
- Experience of reviewing grant applications or research project specifications.
- Commitment to the charity's objectives, aims and values.
- Willingness to devote time to carry out responsibilities.
- Ability to work successfully as part of a team, communicate effectively with others and think creatively.
- A sound understanding of education and research

Other information:

Attendance at external events, including occasional overnight stays within the UK, is required.