**Humanimal Trust Science Committee**

**Chair – Role Description**

**About the Science Committee**

Humanimal Trust funds research which aims to deliver the objectives of the Trust and result in a better understanding and implementation of One Medicine. Specifically, we aim to support multidisciplinary projects which can drive forward collaborative research in a wide range of clinical areas relevant to One Medicine, while also promoting the One Medicine concept nationally and internationally.

The Humanimal Trust Science Committee assists Humanimal Trust in delivering these key strategic objectives. All members of the Committee are independent advisors requested to provide independent advice.

**Core Responsibilities of the Chair**

The Chair of the Committee works closely with its members. The Chair is supported by the Research Manager to deliver the objectives of the Committee and prepare reports to update the Humanimal Trust Board of trustees.

Core Responsibilities

| Area | Description |
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| *Leadership & Relationships* | • Leading the Committee both during the meeting and outside of the meeting to deliver core objectives of the Science Committee that support the delivery of the overall Humanimal Trust's strategic aims<br>• Lead on discussions of important topics and tasks, which are to be delivered by the Committee<br>• Ensure well founded decision making<br>• Ensure good governance and prevent any conflict of interest<br>• Lead on constructive discussions on topics related to Committees work<br>• Prepare regular reports of the Committees activities for the Humanimal Trust Board, and be prepared to present progress of the Committee to the Board<br>• Liaise with education working groups as and when required<br>• Agree the meeting agenda and review minutes and actions prior to each meeting<br>• Liaise with the Research Manager, CEO and other members of the Humanimal Trust team as required, on the delivery of related tasks<br>• Lead on promoting the activities of Humanimal Trust and the Science Committee and be prepared to represent the Trust at a wide range of external meetings. |

| Clarity and Purpose | <ul><li>Ensure clarity and purpose of the overall mission of the Committee</li><li>Ensure any decisions made advance the strategic objectives of Humanimal Trust and support its core purpose</li><li>Ensure clarity and timelines of assigned tasks</li></ul> |
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| Cohesive Board | <ul><li>Create productive relationships with and among individual Board members</li><li>Help to create the environment for a high performing Board team</li><li>Ensure high-quality relationships between Board members and staff/supporting volunteers to enable smooth delivery of overall objectives</li><li>Ensure a productive and supportive environment that helps to deliver the work of the Committee</li></ul> |

Person specification

Our main requirement is that the Chair is committed to Humanimal Trust's overall purpose and vision.

We would also like the Chair to have the following:

- A relevant scientific background that lends itself to promoting the work of Humanimal Trust, and that enables good understanding of all related activities
- A commitment to the strategic objectives of Humanimal Trust, with a detailed understanding of the organisation's objectives
- An ability to motivate others to deliver the required work that enables the delivery of Humanimal Trust strategic objectives
- Is willing to use personal and professional connections to advance the objectives of Humanimal Trust and influence key people within Humanimal Trust, as well as outside of the organisation

**Time Commitment:**

Humanimal Trust Science Committee currently meets online 4 times a year for 1 hour 30 minutes. There are also other commitments outside of the meetings that are related to the work of the Science Committee and responsibilities of the role. These commitments are currently estimated to be around 5-6 hours per month. This may vary in the future, depending on ongoing activities and commitments.

**Tenure:**

It is envisaged that the Chair of the Committee is a rotating commitment of up to 3 years in the first instance with potential to extend for a further 3 years pending successful assessment and an open selection process.