AO VET Research Commission Chair
Job description

AO VET seeks:	*A highly motivated individual with a track record in carrying out and managing clinical research at an international level. The successful applicant would lead the AO VET Research Commission and would be responsible for developing and maintaining a future-oriented research strategy that aligns with the strategic research objectives of AO VET and the AO Foundation. The applicant needs to be able to work in a multi-cultural environment and is expected to have the vision to lead and contribute to AO VET Research, set new standards and foster the position of AO VET as an international, academic leader in veterinary and comparative musculoskeletal research.*
Position	Chairperson, AO VET Research Commission
Territory	Global
Reporting to	Chairperson, AO VET International Board
Term	3 years
Start date	July 01, 2025
End date	June 30, 2028

Eligibility

- Active AO VET member with a minimum of 12 months current and continuous duration
- Current or past member of any AO VET Global Commission (Education, Research, Community Development or Technical commission)
- 'Past' members of the mentioned bodies could apply only if they served no longer than 7 years ago.
- Current or past member of the AO VET International Board, except a former Chairperson of the IB
- Exceptional candidates with a demonstrated commitment to AOVIB activities
- Former Research Commission Chairperson cannot re-apply for the same position.

Requirements	**General mandatory requirements*:**

- Veterinary surgeon in active practice and contributing to the AO VET community

- Strong reputation and well published (> 50 publications) in PubMed listed journals

- Strong international reputation as a veterinary clinician, scientist and/or administrator reflected invited presentations, professional society contributor, academic rank, government or industrial posts and/or similar accolades

- Experienced in research management (pre-clinical and / or clinical studies, registries etc.)

- Experience as a reviewer for international peer-reviewed journals and extramurally-funded grant programs

- Never have been sanctioned for research related misconduct

- Good/clear communicator, good listener with the ability to work in multi-cultural environments

- Good command of the English language - equivalent to / greater than a proficiency level of 3 (General Professional Proficiency) as described in the Interagency Language Roundtable Language Skill Level Descriptions; see details under: https://www.govtilr.org/Skills/ILRscale2.htm)

- Diplomacy and conflict resolution skills

- Team player who can work together to achieve goals

- Be highly motivated to develop and manage interpersonal connections across professional specialties

- Willing and prepared to travel globally (no exclusions)

- Prepared to spend the equivalent of an average of approximately 2-6 hours per month on AO VET/AO Research affairs and attend virtual and physical meetings as required. These meetings include approximately:

  - International Board Meetings (2 physical meetings per year plus 4-8 virtual meetings as needed)

  - Research Commission meeting (one physical meeting per year) and regular virtual meetings (approx. 2 hr/month)

  - R&D Platform meeting (1 day per year)

  - AO Foundation Trustees meeting (3 days per year)

- Candidates who currently hold another governance position within AO VET or AO have to step down, once elected, prior to the start of this position. No duplication of roles is accepted.

General desired requirements:

- International experience as a fellow, visiting faculty or research collaborator

- Recognized member or officer on key national, regional, or international veterinary associations

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- Prior experience in veterinary practice management and/or other business operations (e.g. industry consultant, MBA, practice owner/operator)
- Experience as AO VET faculty who has been involved as Faculty or Course Chair in the last three years

Responsibilities

The AO VET Research Chair will have to:

- Protect the interests of AO VET
- Act in compliance with the bylaws and regulations of the AO Foundation
- Comply with the AO Code of Ethics and Shared Values
- Be accountable to the AO VET International Board and represent the needs of the AO VET International Board in the AO VET Research Commission
- Present and represent the full spectrum of Research activities (marketing, communications, membership, philanthropy, sponsorship) to the AO VET International Board as the chairperson
- Ensure that the objectives of the AO VET Research Commission are achieved
- Closely collaborate with the members of the International and Regional Boards and the AO VET management staff towards the fulfillment of the goals, objectives, and tasks of AO VET Research Commission
- Conduct and Chair regularly, efficiently and effectively the AO VET Research Commission meetings and define all necessary agenda and documentation connected in addition to the meeting
- Sign and issue the minutes of the AO VET Research Commission
- Support the implementation of AO VET Research Commission resolutions and actions
- Define the AO VET Research strategy, focus, and priorities based on feedback from the community and management on current trends in the field of veterinary trauma and musculoskeletal surgery
- Represent AO VET on the R&D Platform as a voting member to achieve alignment between the different Clinical Divisions concerning objectives, policies and processes to enhance effectiveness and efficiency
- Establish effective collaboration with other AO VET Commissions, AO Clinical divisions, AO clinical units, institutes, and approved industrial partners

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