AAVMC
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges

Find Your Place at AAVMC

2027 Call for Volunteers • Member Opportunity Guide

APPLY

JANUARY 15, 2027
NOMINATIONS CLOSE

MARCH 2027
NOTIFICATIONS

WELCOME

Bring your perspective. Build connections. Help shape academic veterinary medicine.

WHY VOLUNTEER?



SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE

Bring your institutional and professional perspective to association-wide work.



BUILD YOUR NETWORK

Collaborate with colleagues across institutions, roles, and regions.



MAKE AN IMPACT

Help inform programs, resources, research, policy, and member initiatives.

AAVMC's committees and councils bring together members from across the academic veterinary medicine community to exchange expertise; tackle shared challenges; and help shape programs, resources, and initiatives that support member institutions. The 2027 Call for Volunteers is your opportunity to contribute your perspective and collaborate with colleagues across institutions and regions.

What to Expect*

**Specific activities and meeting schedules vary by committee.*

- **Attend a one-hour virtual meeting each month.**
- **Review materials and contribute to committee discussions between meetings.**
- **Share expertise and perspectives from your institution and professional experience.**
- **Participate in committee projects, activities, and potentially subgroups.**

Find Your Fit

Start with your interests, then explore the detailed opportunities.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN...	EXPLORE	OPENINGS
Policy, government relations, and advocacy	ADVOCACY COMMITTEE	3
Institutional data, benchmarking, and analytics	DATA COMMITTEE	4
Academic culture, access, and retention	COMMITTEE ON THRIVING ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES	5
Veterinary education research	EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE	2
Professional learning and development	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	3
Systemic wellbeing	WELLBEING COMMITTEE	2
Global veterinary education	CIVME	See page 11

Some opportunities are open only to specific member categories, regions, or professional roles. Each profile on the following pages separates eligibility requirements from the experience or interests that may make someone a strong fit. For more information about AAVMC Member categories, visit here.

January 15 2027 Nominations Close

March 2027 Notifications

2027

Volunteer Opportunities

Explore the committee or council where your experience and interests can add value.

6 COMMITTEES / 1 COUNCIL



01 / 07 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Advocacy Committee

Help strengthen the collective voice of academic veterinary medicine.

The Advocacy Committee helps ensure that the priorities and concerns of AAVMC member institutions inform the association's legislative, regulatory, and advocacy work.

3 OPEN SEATS

Volunteer Term: *Volunteers serve a term of two years and will be eligible for reappointment twice, to a maximum of three terms.*

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE > MORE INFORMATION

As a volunteer, you may contribute to work involving:

- Emerging legislative and regulatory issues affecting academic veterinary medicine.
- Development of AAVMC legislative and regulatory policy recommendations.
- Advocacy education, resources, and programming for member institutions.
- AAVMC's broader governmental affairs agenda.

This opportunity is for:

Volunteers with experience or interest in government relations, public policy, higher education policy, institutional advocacy, communications, association advocacy, or related areas.

ELIGIBILITY / OPENINGS

2027 Opportunities: Three vacancies

One vacancy

- Requirement: ***Must*** be at an international AAVMC Institutional Member

One vacancy

- Requirement: ***Must*** be at a Canadian AAVMC Institutional Member

One vacancy

- Requirement: ***Must*** be at an AAVMC Affiliate Member

02 / 07 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Data Committee

Help strengthen the data that informs academic veterinary medicine.

Data are central to AAVMC's ability to help member institutions understand trends, benchmark performance, and plan for the future. The Data Committee helps guide the collection, analysis, and sharing of data-driven information to support member institutions in improving performance and planning for the future.

4 OPEN SEATS

DATA COMMITTEE > MORE INFORMATION

As a volunteer, you may contribute to work involving:

- Reviewing AAVMC's annual data collection processes.
- Evaluating data collection forms and instruments.
- Providing feedback on institutional data requests.
- Considering how AAVMC data are presented and distributed.
- Helping ensure AAVMC data products are useful to member institutions.
- Identifying opportunities to strengthen data-informed institutional planning.

This opportunity is for:

Institutional research professionals, academic affairs leaders, financial or business officers, deans, data and analytics professionals, and others who regularly use institutional data for decision-making.

ELIGIBILITY / OPENINGS

2027 Opportunities: Four vacancies

Two vacancies

- ✓ Requirement: Financial or business officers at AAVMC Institutional Members

Two vacancies

- ✓ Requirement: Deans at U.S. AAVMC Institutional Members

Volunteer Term: *Volunteers serve a term of either two or three years and will be eligible for reappointment once, to a maximum of two terms.*

03 / 07 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Committee on Thriving Academic Communities

Help build academic environments where everyone can thrive.

The Committee on Thriving Academic Communities helps AAVMC strengthen healthy, respectful, welcoming, and supportive learning and working environments throughout academic veterinary medicine.

5 OPEN SEATS

THRIVING COMMITTEE > MORE INFORMATION

As a volunteer, you may contribute to work involving:

- Strengthening healthy and supportive learning and working environments.
- Identifying and reducing barriers to entering veterinary medicine.
- Strengthening retention of students, faculty, and staff.
- Outreach that expands awareness of veterinary education and career opportunities.
- Programs and recognition that celebrate contributions to strong academic communities.

This opportunity is for:

Directors of organizational health, associate deans, faculty, staff, or others who have the requisite experience and expertise in promoting vibrant, supportive, and inclusive learning environments throughout academic veterinary medicine.

ELIGIBILITY / OPENINGS

2027 Opportunities: Five vacancies

Five vacancies

- Requirement: ***Must*** be at an AAVMC Institutional Member
- One vacancy is reserved for an individual from an international AAVMC Institutional Member

Volunteer Term: *Volunteers serve a term of either two or three years and will be eligible for reappointment once, to a maximum of two terms.*

04 / 07 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Educational Research Committee

Help advance high-quality research in veterinary medical education.

The Educational Research Committee supports scholarly research involving AAVMC member institutions and helps ensure that research directed to the academic veterinary medicine community is rigorous, relevant, and appropriately coordinated.

2 OPEN SEATS

ED. RESEARCH COMMITTEE > MORE INFORMATION

As a volunteer, you may contribute to work involving:

- Reviewing proposed national and international veterinary education research.
- Evaluating research questions, methodologies, and survey instruments.
- Considering the relevance and potential value of proposed studies to AAVMC members.
- Helping minimize unnecessary or duplicative survey requests to member institutions.

This opportunity is for:

Veterinary education researchers, academic affairs professionals, faculty engaged in educational scholarship, assessment professionals, and those with experience designing or evaluating multi-institutional research.

ELIGIBILITY / OPENINGS

2027 Opportunities: Two vacancies

Two vacancies

✓ Requirement: ***Must*** be at an AAVMC Institutional Member

Preferred experience: Members with Academic Affairs experience are encouraged to apply.

Volunteer Term: *Volunteers serve a term of either two or three years and will be eligible for reappointment once, to a maximum of two terms.*

05 / 07 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Professional Development Committee

Help shape professional learning across academic veterinary medicine.

The Professional Development Committee helps AAVMC identify and respond to the evolving professional development needs of its members, supporting the association's work to develop future scholars and educators and strengthen professionals throughout their careers.

3 OPEN SEATS

PROF. DEV. COMMITTEE > MORE INFORMATION

As a volunteer, you may contribute to work involving:

- Identifying emerging professional development needs.
- Helping prioritize professional learning opportunities.
- Advising on the design and delivery of AAVMC professional development programs.
- Evaluating and improving existing programming.
- Exploring professional development related to curriculum, assessment, educational technology, instructional design, educational research, adult learning, and leadership.

This opportunity is for:

Volunteers with experience in faculty development, leadership development, curriculum, assessment, instructional design, educational technology, program evaluation, educational research, adult learning, or professional learning.

ELIGIBILITY / OPENINGS

2027 Opportunities: Three vacancies

Three vacancies

✓ Requirement: ***Must*** be at an AAVMC Institutional Member

Volunteer Term: *Volunteers serve a term of three years and will be eligible for reappointment once, to a maximum of two terms.*

06 / 07 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Wellbeing Committee

Help advance systemic approaches to wellbeing across academic veterinary medicine.

The Wellbeing Committee helps AAVMC and its member institutions create environments that support the wellbeing and success of students, faculty, and staff.

2 OPEN SEATS

WELLBEING COMMITTEE > MORE INFORMATION

As a volunteer, you may contribute to work involving:

- Identifying evidence-based approaches and promising practices in wellbeing.
- Helping institutions integrate wellbeing into curricula and workplace environments.
- Developing or identifying wellbeing resources for students, faculty, and staff.
- Developing wellbeing competencies and resources.
- Contributing to wellbeing-focused conferences, symposia, and programming.

This opportunity is for:

Academic veterinary wellbeing professionals, faculty, deans, associate or assistant deans, student or faculty affairs professionals, and others who have wellbeing responsibilities or relevant expertise as part of their institutional role.

ELIGIBILITY / OPENINGS

2027 Opportunities: Two vacancies

Two vacancies

✓ Requirement: ***Must*** be at an AAVMC Institutional Member

Volunteer Term: *Volunteers serve a term of three years and will be eligible for reappointment once, to a maximum of two terms.*

07 / 07 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Council on International Veterinary Medical Education (CIVME)

Connect veterinary educators and ideas across the globe.

The Council on International Veterinary Medical Education (CIVME) advances the quality of veterinary medical education worldwide by connecting educators across regions, fostering innovation, and sharing promising practices in teaching and learning.

CIVME > MORE INFORMATION

As a volunteer, you may contribute to work involving:

- Connecting veterinary educators and institutions across global regions.
- Identifying shared challenges and opportunities in veterinary medical education.
- Sharing innovative educational approaches and promising practices.
- Supporting dissemination of educational research and innovations through the CIVME Research Grant Program.
- Informing CIVME educational programming and resources.

This opportunity is for:

Veterinary educators and academic leaders with international experience, regional expertise, global partnerships, educational research experience, or an interest in advancing veterinary medical education across borders.

ELIGIBILITY / OPENINGS

2027 Opportunities

One voting member vacancy in the following region: Asia

At least one non-voting member vacancy in the following regions:

- Africa and Middle East/North Africa
- Asia
- Europe/UK
- Latin America/Caribbean
- U.S./Canada*

** Ross University, St. George's University, and St. Matthew's University are included in U.S./Canada region.*

Requirement: *Volunteers do not need to be associated with an AAVMC Member Institution, but must be employed at a veterinary education establishment.*

Volunteer Term: *Volunteers serve a term of three years and will be eligible for reappointment once, to a maximum of two terms.*

READY TO GET INVOLVED?

PRIOR AAVMC COMMITTEE SERVICE IS NOT REQUIRED

APPLY TO VOLUNTEER!

Applications close January 15, 2027

For questions or inquiries, please contact info@aavmc.org

AAVMC American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges

655 K Street NW, Suite 725
Washington, DC 20001

www.aavmc.org
info@aavmc.org