

Join our Scientific Advisory Panel



Deadline: 30 April 2024

How to apply: [Fill out this form](#)

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OUR WORK

At FRAME, we have a vision of a world where no animal suffers for science. Our mission is to ensure scientists use non-animal approaches in biomedical research and testing. We do this by conducting research, spreading awareness, and influencing policy makers.

We know this is a long journey, but change happens one step at a time. By joining our Scientific Advisory Panel, you'd be a valued member of our charity and help to inform our messaging, projects, and funding decisions.

THE ROLE

You'll be joining 32 other professionals who already make up our Scientific Advisory Panel (since April 2022). The main responsibilities of your role will include:

- Supporting the grant review process by undertaking peer review of grant applications.
- Advising and supporting the staff team in monitoring funded projects.
- Supporting our strategic goals of funding research, sharing information and creating change.
- Helping to champion [FRAME's mission and charitable purpose](#).

TIME

The anticipated time commitment required is between ½ day – 4 days per year. Due to the variety of grant applications we receive you may be asked to review between one and five projects a year. We anticipate one to two virtual meetings of the panel per grant call, per year. Depending on the size and expertise of the panel members it is unlikely that every member will be required in each grant review process.

FRAME currently run two grant schemes annually which we hope our Scientific Advisory Panel volunteers will support. Our Summer Studentship Grant applications are reviewed in April/May, and our Innovation Grants are reviewed September to October. We also work on reports, projects, case studies and papers throughout the year where there may be opportunities for your input.

"I enjoy being a panel member and hope I can continue to use my expertise to serve the scientific critical review for FRAME."

Current Scientific Advisory Panel member

“I feel very honoured to be part of this community. I hope I can support the charity in any way possible as I strongly believe we can at least greatly reduce the number of animals used in scientific research.”

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LOCATION

We anticipate our Scientific Advisory Panel volunteers will contribute remotely to review processes via email and Teams video calls.

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We're looking for panel members with scientific research experience most likely from an industry or academic background. This experience may relate to basic, translational, applied research, or regulatory testing in any area that involves, or would benefit from human-relevant methods. This includes areas where laboratory animals have been used historically or are still used today but non-animal approaches are being developed.

Although we only fund non-animal methods, many aspects of our work support areas where animal research is routinely required and carried out. If you work in one of these areas but are passionate about furthering alternatives and are interested in supporting our Scientific Advisory Panel, please get in touch. You may have experience of designing robust animal experiments, using or breeding GA animals, or experience of prioritising alternatives over animal models in your work.

All applicants should hold a PhD and be a named author on at least one published paper in a relevant research area.

Skills we're interested in:

- *In vitro* methods
- *In silico* methods (computational modelling, AI)
- Body imaging technology
- 3D cell culture & scaffolds
- Microphysiological system development
- Novel non-animal methods and approaches
- Using big data
- Systematic reviews or meta-analysis (linked to the advancement of new approach methodologies or reducing animal use)

The following experience would also be useful:

- Experience in peer reviewing proposals.
- Experience of working with other research funding panels, including non-animal models (desirable).
- Supporting students or early career researchers.
- Adhering to the principles of good grant making (fair, transparent and effective).

THE DIFFERENCE YOU'LL MAKE

You'll be joining a small, professional and supportive team who are passionate about their work. We're dedicated and focused in developing new areas of research where non-animal methods are accepted as scientific best practice.

We know that real, lasting change takes time. To achieve our mission, every day, week, month, and year matter and brings us closer to our goal.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We value your time, energy, and expertise and by joining our Scientific Advisory Panel you'll be supporting our mission and helping us achieve our objectives. In return, we hope that volunteering with us will be an enjoyable experience, offer collaboration opportunities, and help you achieve your aspirations.

Volunteering with FRAME should be a mutually beneficial relationship. We hope that the opportunity to be involved with FRAME will be rewarding and of value. We're committed to ensuring that as a volunteer, you are:

- Always treated with respect, consideration and appreciation.
- Have a clear idea of your responsibilities, including the length of time we'd like you to be involved in a project or process.
- Given information about the training and support available to help carry out your role.
- Provided with support through meetings or discussions.
- Provided with updates on how your work has made a difference.
- Reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.
- Invited to relevant scientific networking events.
- Provided with opportunities to get more involved if they arise.
- Recognised and acknowledged for your contribution on our website and in communications.
- Listened to, and your views respected in discussions.

What we expect from our volunteers:

- Always treat FRAME staff, supporters and fellow volunteers with respect, consideration and appreciation.
- Support the FRAME ethos and mission.
- Act in a professional way when representing FRAME.
- Provide as much notice as possible if they're unable to fulfil their volunteering commitment, or if they no longer wish to be involved in a project.
- If volunteers don't fully understand their role and responsibilities to ask their FRAME contact for guidance.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL JULIET@FRAME.ORG.UK