



Contract Opportunities with the National Farm Animal Care Council

Position	Research Writer and Code Manager Assistant
Anticipated start date	April 15, 2024 (tentative)
Contract duration	Two-year contract with the potential to extend (variable part-time approximately 2–3 days/week)
Location	Remote (home office) and occasional travel to meetings
Remuneration	\$360–370/day plus HST as applicable
Closing date	Open until filled

The National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) requires Research Writer and Code Manager Assistants to work with the Code of Practice Scientific Committee and assist the Code Manager for the following Codes of Practice being updated: **beef cattle, sheep, equines*, pigs, and poultry (hatching eggs, breeders, chickens, and turkeys).**

Successful candidates must have an appropriate science background as part of the role involves working closely with the Scientific Committee developing a research report on priority welfare issues. The Scientific Committee research reports are peer reviewed before being published and provide valuable information to the Code Committee in revising species-specific Codes of Practice. Codes serve as educational tools, reference materials for animal protection regulations, and the foundation for assessment programs.

The type of support provided to the Code Manager may vary between Codes but are expected to include researching other topics being addressed in the Code, helping draft and proofread the updated Code, taking meeting notes, and providing logistical support during Code Committee meetings.

*the position for equine is only for the role of Equine Scientific Committee Research Writer.

Qualifications:

- Post graduate education in animal welfare science including the completion and defense of a graduate thesis.
- Literature review capabilities and access to on-line and print research books and scientific journals (e.g., Scopus, PubMed, ScienceDirect, major scientific journals), including the ability to contrast and compare study methods and results in a meaningful way.

- Capable of writing concisely and synthesizing technical information into coherent, accurate, and precise summaries that are understandable by a layperson. While the primary language used will be English, French language skills are an asset.
- Strong organizational and teamwork skills.
- Knowledgeable in the use of various software programs (e.g., Word, Excel, Outlook, Endnote).

Responsibilities specific to supporting the Scientific Committee are outlined [here](#). Interested candidates would benefit from familiarizing themselves generally with the [Code process](#) particularly the Scientific Committee Terms of Reference (available at www.nfacc.ca/code-development-process#appendixb). Home office requirements include telephone, internet, printer, and a computer with a current MS software package including Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

To apply:

Applications should be submitted by email to liz@nfacc.ca. Applications that do not include all of the following will not be considered:

- Cover letter that, in addition to highlighting relevant qualifications and skills, indicates the species (listed above) for which you would like to be considered
- Résumé (with references, including ideally a mix of professional and academic)

Please combine your cover letter and résumé into one PDF document. The application process will include a written exercise to assess each candidate's ability to summarize key research conclusions and critically assess research methodologies.

NFACC is a collaborative partnership of diverse stakeholders created in 2005 to share information and work together on farm animal care and welfare. It is the national lead for farm animal care issues in Canada and operates as a division of [Animal Health Canada](#). For more information on NFACC, visit www.nfacc.ca.