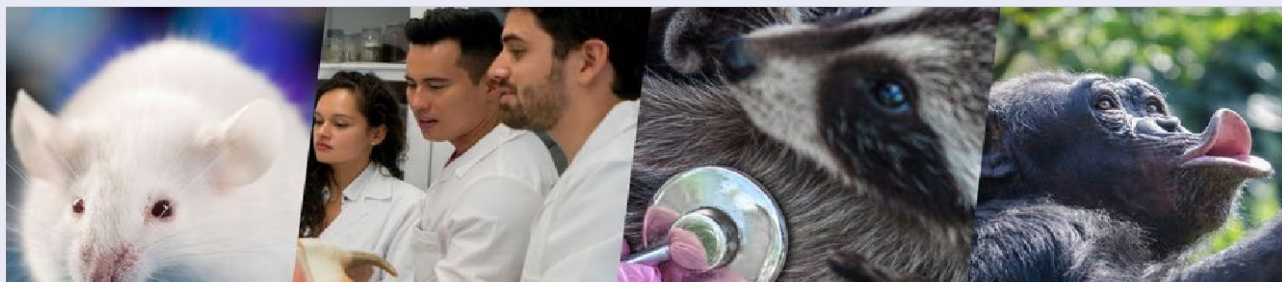


Starting the Journey: Community College Engagement and Workforce Development in Laboratory Animal Science – First Webinar

Roundtable on Science and Welfare of Animals Involved in Research



Monday, September 22nd, 2025, 12:00 – 1:00pm ET | 9:00 – 10:00am PT

Purpose Welcome to the inaugural session of the webinar series, *Careers that Care: Strengthening the Future of Animal Research Professions.*

This series is hosted by the Roundtable on Science and Welfare of Animals Involved in Research, part of the Board on Animal Health Sciences, Conservation, and Research at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

The *Careers that Care* series focuses on strengthening the workforce in the field of research that involves animals. From recruitment through retention, each session offers practical strategies to attract, support, and advance professionals in animal care, research compliance, and administration.

The first webinar, *Starting the Journey: Community College Engagement and Workforce Development in Laboratory Animal Science*, highlights how strategic partnerships with community colleges and the expansion of training pathways can enhance recruitment into laboratory animal science careers. Drawing on workforce development efforts and community engagement models, this session will explore effective approaches for attracting students and early-career professionals, ultimately helping institutions build sustainable talent pipelines into animal research professions.

**12:00pm–
12:05pm**

Welcome

Nia Johnson, Senior Program Officer, Board on Animal Health Sciences,
Conservation, and Research

**12:05pm–
12:35pm**

Research that Involves Animals Perspective

Kathleen Hoffman, BS, CVT, RLATG, CCFP
Outreach Specialist
Boston University, Animal Science Center

**12:35pm–
12:50pm**

Community College and Industry Collaboration Perspective

Katie Ruggieri, PhD
Dean of STEM
Massasoit Community College

Matthew Waterman
Associate Academic Dean of STEM
Massasoit Community College

**12:50pm–
1:00pm**

Discussion: Questions & Answers Session

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