

# COReS Guide Sheet

## Join the COReS Community

**Within COReS, our vision is to establish a strong open research community around preclinical systematic review. We aim to bring together researchers, synthesists, and other relevant stakeholder. Our community is diverse and inclusive, we welcome and encourage contributions, ideas and perspectives, as they play a pivotal role in shaping the future of preclinical research and translation.**

Are you interested in taking part in the COReS community and raising awareness of the importance of preclinical systematic reviews for good science?

Below you can find some guidance to support you with the first steps of joining the COReS community.

Who can become part of the community?

Anyone who is interested in systematic review and meta-analysis of animal studies can join the COReS community. More specifically, we are open to:

### Researchers

- Master and PhD students
- Postdoctoral researchers
- Principal Investigators

### Research support or administrative staff

- Systematic review methodologists
- Librarians / Information specialists
- Statisticians
- Open Science officers / data stewards
- Lab managers
- Staff working with regulatory committees (e.g., ethics committees, institutional animal care and use committees)

### Policy makers

- 3R Centers and organizations
- Funders

### Education administrators

- Graduate school coordinators
- Doctoral committee members
- Doctoral commission members

## How can you get involved in the community?

Depending on your needs, capacity, and interests, there are different ways for you to get involved with and benefit from the CORES community.

- Join the CORES discussion forum on Zulip for free and connect with others interested in systematic review and meta-analysis of animal studies. Have a look at our [Zulip quick start guide](#) to support you with the initial steps of joining the discussion forum.
- Visit the CORES digital hub to access resources, discover our upcoming events, and stay up to date on latest developments: <https://cores-hub.io/>.
- Sign-up to the newsletter, where you can find the latest updates on community news, insightful events and workshops, as well as useful resources. New newsletter issues come out every two months, so sign up now to not miss any: <http://eepurl.com/h4hsMy>.
- Engage in our training opportunities. We offer live workshops in a group environment as well as independent courses on the e-learning platform Moodle: <https://elearning.camarades.net/>.
- Join our events. CORES offers several different meetings and events, ranging from drop-in sessions to seasonal events such as seminar series. Find the next meeting in our events calendar: <https://cores-hub.io/events/>.

## Why should you join the community?

We can name several good reasons, why you should get involved and join the CORES community:

- Be part of a growing community: Connect with like-minded individuals and foster meaningful relationships.
- Have access to our discussion forum. Engage in conversations, seek advice, and receive input from the community on your systematic review and meta-analysis work.
- Identify collaboration partners. Discover potential collaborators for your research projects, enhancing your opportunities for joint efforts and team science.
- Stay updated on the latest resources, news, and events. Receive regular updates on latest developments in the field, upcoming events, and relevant news to keep you informed.
- Expand your network. Continuously grow your professional connections, get to know others working in the space of preclinical systematic reviews and meta-analysis, and open doors to new opportunities.

## What is your involvement as part of the community?

In the CORES community all your involvements, such as participating in discussions on Zulip, are fully voluntary.

However, we require that you follow our Code of Conduct: <https://cores-hub.io/about-cores/code-of-conduct.html>. Our code applies across our community discussion forum, as well as digital and in person events. Also, please adhere to our Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Policy: <https://cores-hub.io/about-cores/policies.html#equity-diversity-and-inclusion>