

Texas Woman's University University Regulation and Procedure

Regulation and Procedure Name: Research Involving Animals

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Policy Owner: Academic Affairs

POLICY STATEMENT

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (“IACUC”) operates under Animal Welfare Assurance number A3896-01 issued by the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (“OLAW”). The IACUC is charged with ensuring that all vertebrate animals used in instruction or research at TWU receive ethical and humane treatment. The committee is bound by federal law and university policy to ensure that the best care is given to every animal housed and used at the University. The TWU IACUC has the primary authority to approve, require amendments to an approved protocol, conduct post-approval review of approved protocols, disapprove or suspend research and instruction on all live and dead vertebrate animals used at TWU. Failure to obtain IACUC approval or to follow approved protocols may result in disciplinary action as described in TWU IACUC Procedures. The purpose of this URP is to define the role of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and to assure safe and ethically sound research involving animals at TWU.

APPLICABILITY

This policy is applicable to TWU Faculty, Staff, and Students.

DEFINITIONS

1. “Animal” means any live, vertebrate animal used or intended for use in research, research training, experimentation, or biological testing or for related purposes.
2. “Animal Facility” means any and all buildings, rooms, areas, enclosures, or vehicles, including satellite facilities, used for animal confinement, transport, maintenance, breeding, or experiments inclusive of surgical manipulation. A satellite facility is any containment outside of a core facility or centrally designated or managed area in which animals are housed for more than 24 hours.

3. "Animal Welfare Assurance or Assurance" means the documentation from an institution assuring institutional compliance with this Policy.
4. "Institutional Official" means an individual who signs, and has the authority to sign the institution's Assurance, making a commitment on behalf of the institution that federal requirements are met.
5. "Public Health Service (PHS)" includes the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Indian Health Service, the National Institutes of Health, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

REGULATION AND PROCEDURE

I. General Information

- A. All research conducted by any TWU faculty member, staff member, or student using animals must have prior approval from a TWU IACUC before the research is initiated. The TWU IACUC is an Academic Affairs Committee reporting to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost ("EVPAA/Provost") through the Vice Provost for Research and Innovation and Dean of the Graduate School. The EVPAA/Provost is the signatory official who is legally authorized to represent TWU. The EVPAA/Provost appoints IACUC members and is responsible for overseeing activities performed by the IACUC in accordance with Animal Welfare Act (9 CFR Ch. 1 Subpart C 2.31 (c) (1-8)), Guide for the care and use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Training (Chap.1), and the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Section IV.B. (1-8)). The IO, EVPAA/Provost, President and Regents also have the authority to suspend or disapprove research, even if the IACUC has approved it.
- B. The IACUC is authorized to revise and update this policy and associated IACUC Procedures as needed to reflect new standards, regulations, and University policies.

REVIEW

This policy will remain in effect and published until it is reviewed, updated, or archived. This policy is to be reviewed once every six years. Interim review may be required as a result of updates to federal and state law or regulations, Board of Regents policies, or internal processes or procedures.

REFERENCES

None

FORMS AND TOOLS

None

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