

The Animal Care Committee

The Queen's University Animal Care Committee (UACC) reviews all teaching and research studies that require the use of animals to:

- ❖ Ensure that the use of animals at Queen's University and Hospital facilities in research, teaching or testing, meets or exceeds the standards of animal welfare established by the Animals for Research Act (Ontario) and the Canadian Council on Animal Care.
- ❖ Teach and promote the ethical use and management of animals in research, teaching and testing by providing training opportunities to personnel engaged in the care and research of animals.
- ❖ Encourage good communication between animal users and the University Animal Care Committee, and to work with investigators and instructors to create a research and teaching environment that promotes animal welfare.
- ❖ Work with the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) to ensure that all animal care facilities at Queen's University and hospital facilities meet or exceed the standards of care set by agency guidelines and legislation, and to report accurate numbers of animals used in research and teaching to these agencies.

Any researcher teaching or conducting studies involving animals that are housed in University or Hospital facilities, housed on private facilities/farms, collected in the wild, or held in facilities other than those of the University (institutions not assessed by the Canadian Councils on Animal Care) must apply separately to the UACC for approval, in addition to the Queen's University Health Sciences and Affiliated Teaching Hospital Research Ethics Board. *The UACC must approve all research studies involving animals prior to the commencement of the research study.*

Researchers should be aware that the major granting councils now require institutions to withhold the release of funds until appropriate ethics reviews have been conducted and approved. It is recommended that applications for approval be submitted within 30 days of submitting your grant application. For research being performed by Queen's faculty members at institutions assessed by the CCAC, it is the faculty member's

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responsibility to provide a copy of that institution's ACC approval to the Chair of Queen's UACC.

For more information regarding the UACC and their approval process, please consult their website (<http://www.queensu.ca/uvet/index.html>). For all new submissions, full resubmissions, renewals, and amendments, researchers are required to complete their Animal Ethics Approval Form online through their web based program (Topaz P&R; <http://www.queensu.ca/uvet/forms.html>). Researchers must receive approval by the UACC prior to the amendments being implemented.

For research protocols using transgenic species, a completed copy of the Appendix II: Transgenic Information Sheet must also be completed.

Protocols going into a 4th renewal year are considered like new applications and require the items mentioned above; All changes and updates over the past cycles should be incorporated into a new Animal Ethics Approval Form online for full re-submissions and will be assigned a new reference number.