

## RESEARCH INVOLVING ANIMALS

This document is the parent policy for any College procedures. Questions regarding this policy are to be directed to the identified Policy Owner.

<b>Category:</b>	H. Research
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<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Olds College of Agriculture &amp; Technology (the “College”) is committed to ensuring the ethical and humane use and responsible care of animals in research, teaching and testing. Animals are used only for valid scientific studies with a reasonable expectation of obtaining knowledge for the potential benefit of people and/or animals.</p> <p>The College is committed to ensuring the highest possible standards in the care, well-being, quality of life and use of its animals in accordance with applicable laws, the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) guidelines and policy statements, and the Tri-Agency Agreement on the Administration of Agency Grants and Awards by Research Institutions.</p>
<b>Policy:</b>	<p><b>GUIDELINES</b></p> <p>This policy applies to all persons who use animals for research or testing.</p> <p>If the College uses animals in any of its research, whether in its own facilities, in other facilities or in the field, it shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Maintain a valid Certificate of Good Animal Practice from the CCAC and ensure that research fully complies with CCAC standards; <a href="https://www.ccac.ca/">https://www.ccac.ca/</a> and follows the Institutional Animal Care and Use Policy and Procedure.</li> <li>b. Ensure that the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has approved the research project before research activities involving animals have commenced or animal acquired, and that IACUC approval is maintained as long as research activities involving animals are carried out. Where appropriate controls are in place, all grant funds will not be released prior to IACUC Animal Use Protocol approval.</li> </ol>
<b>Definitions:</b>	<p><b>CCAC:</b> Canadian Council on Animal Care</p>

	<b>IACUC:</b> Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
<b>Related Information:</b>	H02 Applied Research H05 Responsible Conduct of Research B05 Institutional Animal Care and Use Policy <a href="#">CCAC Terms of Reference for Animal Care Committees</a> <a href="#">Tri-Agency Agreement on the Administration of Agency Grants and Awards</a>
<b>Related Procedures:</b>	H03 Research Involving Animals Procedure B05 Institutional Animal Care and Use Procedures
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