



Background

Most experimental animal use proposed by U of S investigators occurs in U of S facilities. However, from time to time applications for animal use involve situations such as:

- Investigators from U of S (the home institution) going to other institutions (the host institution) to conduct research with grant/contract funds held at U of S
- Investigators from U of S collaborating with researchers at other institutions with the animal work occurring in one or both the institutions
- Investigators from U of S (the home institution) conducting field studies in collaboration with investigators from other institutions

Policy

The University of Saskatchewan (U of S) is responsible for overseeing the research carried out by all members of the U of S who use animals in their research, teaching or testing programs. This includes protocol review conducted by the Animal Research Ethics Board (AREB).

Procedures

Animal Based Work Done In Another Institution (the host institution):

If the animal based work is to be done in another institution, the principal investigator at the U of S must submit an Animal Use Protocol (AUP) application to the U of S AREB for review. When approved, that approval will be conditional on acceptance / approval of the protocol by the host institution. The U of S AREB will forward the approved protocol to the host institution's Animal Care Committee (ACC) with a request that notification of its decision re acceptance / approval of the protocol, and any related conditions, be returned to the U of S AREB. A copy of the protocol from the host institution will also be requested from the U of S AREB.

Collaborative Work Done With Investigators in Other Institutions:

If the collaborative work is to be done with one or more investigators from other Canadian or international institutions with animal work occurring in more than one institution, the U of S AREB will review the application to use animals for the animal work to be done at U of S. The applications should include a broad perspective on the whole research program. The other institutions' ACCs will review the protocol describing the animal use at that institution. Each approved protocol should be made available to the other ACCs for their files.

Collaborative Field Work:

If the collaborative research involves field work, the institution where the principal investigator (PI) named on the research grant(s)/contract(s) resides, should provide the ethics review of the protocol. The co-investigators should provide a copy of the approved protocol to their ACCs, along with proof of approval from the PI's ACC.

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