

80.6. Animals Used in Research and Teaching

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1. Policy Statement

The study of vertebrate animals is an integral part of Stevens' research and teaching missions. It is the policy of the University to comply with federal regulations regarding the humane care and use of vertebrate animals in research and teaching. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is considered to be an institutional-level committee; thus, it reports to the President of Stevens.

2. Reason/Purpose for the Statement

This Policy provides general information to the research and teaching communities at Stevens regarding the use of animals in research and instruction to ensure all persons are aware of the regulations that narrowly proscribe animal use.

3. Policy Scope

All faculty, staff, students and any other persons at Stevens involved in the design, conduct or reporting of research at or under the auspices of Stevens that involves the use of live vertebrate animals, and it shall apply to all research projects on which those individuals work, regardless of the source of funding for the project.

4. Related Documents

Office of Sponsored Research – Animal Care/IACUC website
“SIT Guidelines for Reporting Noncompliance”
“SIT IACUC Application Forms”
[“Animal Welfare Act”](#)

5. Contacts

Vice Provost for Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Executive Director, Office of Sponsored Programs

6. The Policy

Numerous laws and guidelines protect the welfare of animals used in biomedical research, teaching and/or testing at Stevens. They include the federal [Animal Welfare Act](#) (7 U.S.C. 2131, et seq.) and the US Public Health Service (PHS)/Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) Policy on [Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#). Stevens is committed to complying fully with all federal, state and local regulations regarding animal usage. Furthermore, Stevens has voluntarily adopted the comprehensive standards outlined in the PHS Policy for humane animal care for all of its research projects involving live, vertebrate animals, regardless of the funding source. In accordance with that policy, all proposals for the use of live, vertebrate animals in research, teaching, or testing must be approved by the Stevens Institute of Technology Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

All student research projects that involve live vertebrate animals must be under the direction of a faculty advisor/mentor and the proposed protocol will be submitted to the IACUC for review, comment and approval.