

Christopher Newport University

Policy: Animal Care and Use Program Policy

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Executive Oversight:	Provost
Contact Office:	Vice Provost for Research, Graduate Studies and Assessment
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A. PURPOSE

Delegate responsibility for the management of Christopher Newport University's Animal Care and Use Program (ACUP) to the Institutional Official (IO) and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), to include the Attending Veterinarian (AV).

B. POLICY STATEMENT

Oversight responsibilities for Christopher Newport's ACUP rest with the Institutional Official, the attending veterinarian, and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. The Vice Provost for Research, Graduate Studies, and Assessment shall be designated as the Institutional Official. It is the responsibility of this management team to ensure compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements, including Animal Welfare Regulations and the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, when appropriate. Authority to develop, implement, and enforce policies and procedures is placed with the IO, AV, and IACUC to ensure the proper care and use of laboratory animals in research, testing, teaching, production and demonstration.

C. DEFINITIONS

Animal Care and Use Program (ACUP): All activities (which include research, testing, teaching, production and demonstration) conducted by and at Christopher Newport that have a direct impact on the well-being of animals, including animal and veterinary care, policies and procedures, personnel and program management and oversight, occupational health and safety, IACUC functions, and the animal care facility (ACF).

Institutional Official (IO): The individual who, as a representative of senior administration, bears ultimate responsibility for the ACUP and is responsible for resource planning and ensuring alignment of ACUP goals with the institution's mission.

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC): An academic standing committee of the university and must include a minimum of five members: (1) a chairperson, (2) Attending Veterinarian, (3) practicing scientist, (4) non-scientist, and (5) member not affiliated with the university.

Attending Veterinarian (AV): The veterinarian responsible for the health and well-being of all laboratory animals used at the institution.

D. REFERENCES

Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations (2013), United States Department of Agriculture.

Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 8th edition, National Research Council.

The IACUC Handbook, 3rd Edition (2014), Silverman J, Suckow MA, Murthy S, CRC Press.

Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care & Use of Laboratory Animals (2015), Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

E. INTERPRETATION

Should questions arise, the Vice Provost for Research, Graduate Studies, and Assessment is responsible for clarifying and interpreting this policy.

F. APPROVAL AND REVISIONS:

Approved By: Policy Committee, May 17, 2017

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G. NEXT REVIEW DATE: Winter 2023