



UNIVERSITY ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE

Policy on Principal Investigator Responsibility

The Animal Use Protocol (AUP) describes and justifies the use of animals in science (research, teaching or testing). All individuals involved in the use of animals at Queen's University must maintain compliance with their approved AUP, the standards of the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) and the Ontario Animals for Research Act. The Principal Investigator (PI) named on the AUP is ultimately responsible and accountable for the experimental use of the animals listed on their protocols.

To ensure that the PI is aware of, understands and is in support of all aspects of the AUP, the University Animal Care Committee (UACC) requires that all AUP submissions be submitted electronically by the PI (e-signature required). A listed Co-PI can submit on behalf of the PI provided they are a faculty member. Other members of the laboratory (i.e.: graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, technicians etc.) can assist in the development and revision of protocols (through their role as core team members on the AUP and in the electronic protocol management system) however, the PI is required to perform all final submissions in order for approval to be granted.

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