Animal Health Unit

The Animal Health Unit (AHU) provides support for animals involved in science or teaching at the University of Calgary.

With the help of the University Veterinarians, the AHU offers training to those working with animals, creates standard operating procedures (SOPs) relating to animal welfare, and offers administrative help to researchers with animal use protocols.

Log in or Request Secure Website Access

The Animal Health Unit content is hosted on SharePoint which requires additional secure website access. Any UCalgary students, staff, or faculty involving animals for science or teaching will require access to view.

Request Access to Secure Pages here (Link: https://research.ucalgary.ca/animalhealth/animal-health-unit-web-access)

Log in to Secure Pages here (Link: https://ecs.ucalgary.ca/dept/vpr/ahu/SitePages/Home.aspx)

The secure AHU website contains:

Don't have access yet? Click on 'Request Access to Secure Page here' above

Animal User Training

All users who will be involved in animal-related work are required to complete animal user training. Read more or register for the Institutional Animal User Training Program (IAUTP) on our Secure Pages.

SOPs & Policies

Find PDF versions of the SOPs and policies related to working with animals at UCalgary.

IRISS

The online system that manages all human ethics and animal care protocols for UCalgary. Click here to visit IRISS (Link: https://iriss.ucalgary.ca/)

Controlled Drug Exemptions for Scientific Research

Find information on the process of obtaining a controlled substance exemption for research purposes at UCalgary.

Forms

Find PDFs regarding animal ordering/pricing, strain lists, consent forms, and more.

News

Learn the latest news that relates to working with animals at UCalgary.

Animal Care Committees

Institutions conducting animal-based research, teaching or testing require the formation of an animal care committee. Read more on our committees page.

Animal Resource Centres

Read more about the three research facilities that work with animals

Scientific Merit and Ethical Review of Animal-Based Research

Animal use in research may only be undertaken if the UCalgary Animal Care Committees find the use of animals acceptable and of probable scientific value. Find information related to our Scientific Merit Review on our secure website. For further information on Scientific Merit, click here to read the **CCAC Policy** (Link: https://ccac.ca/Documents/Standards/Policies/Scientific_merit_and_ethical_review_of_animal-based_research.pdf)

Pedagogical Merit of Live Animal-Based Teaching and Training

Live animal-based learning activities must be reviewed and determined essential to meet learning objectives. Find out more about our pedagogical merit review process and to access forms on our secure website. For more information on Pedagogical Merit of live animal-based teaching and training, click here to read the **CCAC Policy** (Link: https://ccac.ca/Documents/Standards/Policies/Pedagogical_merit_of_live_animal-based_teaching.pdf)

New Principal Investigator Resources

Are you a new PI with the University of Calgary? Click here for helpful resources on where to start with registration, Animal Use Protocols, Training and more

Getting Started for new PI's (Link: https://research.ucalgary.ca/conduct-research/ethics-compliance/ucare-and-animal-use-protocols)

Other Important Links and Policies

Links:

- UCARE (Link: http://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ucare)
- CCAC (Link: https://www.ccac.ca/)
- UCalgary's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Link: https://vet.ucalgary.ca/)

Policies relevant to anyone involving animals in science or teaching at UCalgary:

- Alberta Animal Protection Act (Link: https://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/acts/a41.pdf)
- Alberta Animal Protection Regulation (Link: https://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2005_203.pdf)
- Research Integrity Policy (Link: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/research-integrity-policy)
- Investigating a Breach of Research Integrity (Link: https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/investigating-breach-research-integrity-procedure)
- P (Link: https://www.ucalgary.ca/animalhealth/system/files/6_disclosure-protection-policy.pd_.pdf)rocedure for Protected Disclosure (Link: https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/protected-disclosure-procedure)
- Occupational Health and Safety Policy (Link: https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/occupational-health-and-safety-policy)

Protected Disclosure and Research Integrity Office

If at any time you are asked to do something outside of your animal use protocol, or need protected disclosure for any reason, please refer to the Protected Disclosure and Research Integrity Office (PDRIO).

PRDIO Website (Link: https://ucalgary.ca/pdri)