



## VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

### ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE

#### Policy ACC-013 - Research Involving Two or More Institutions

#### **PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this Policy is to provide direction on animal care requirements for research involving two or more institution, which is consistent with Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) *Guideline on: Animal-Based Projects Involving Two or More Institutions*.

#### **SCOPE**

2. This Policy applies to all Vancouver Island University (VIU) Persons, which means those participating in scholarly activity, including full-time and part-time faculty, staff and students (including, without limitation, clinical faculty, visiting professors, and any persons enrolled in any degree, non-degree, diploma, certificate, or residency program at VIU) or any person who teaches, conducts research, or works at, or under the auspices of VIU.

#### **POLICY STATEMENTS**

3. All research, teaching or testing involving the use of animals performed at VIU or carried out by VIU Persons (even at another institution such as during a sabbatical) requires prior approval of the VIU Animal Care Committee (ACC). For VIU Persons, this means that prior approval is required for all animals that are:
  - a) housed in VIU facilities;
  - b) housed in private facilities;
  - c) collected in the wild; or,
  - d) held in any facilities other than those of VIU.

#### **VIU Persons doing work at other institutions**

4. An approved VIU Animal Use Protocol (AUP) must cover the use of all animals in research, teaching or testing by VIU Persons. The ACC is consequently responsible for overseeing the work carried out by all VIU Persons who use animals for research, teaching or testing, even when the project involves two or more institutions, and even when the animals are housed and the research takes place at another institution.

5. A VIU Person who wishes to carry out animal-based work within another institution's facilities must first submit an AUP to the VIU ACC.
  - a) The ACC can then review and approve the protocol in principle, conditional to the approval of the protocol by the host institution's ACC.
  - b) The host institution's ACC must approve the protocol before the protocol can begin, and normally before animals are acquired.
  - c) The ACC must be informed of the host institution's decision and of any relevant conditions or details accompanying the decision.

Scholars from other institutions doing work at VIU

6. Scholars from other institutions who use animals in research, teaching or testing at any VIU facility must provide the VIU ACC with copies of their approved AUPs from the home institution for review and approval by the VIU ACC.
7. These AUPs may be submitted on the forms from the scholar's home institution and must include a statement indicating that they were approved by the home institution's Animal Care Committee.