



WHITMAN COLLEGE

Policy on Research Involving Vertebrate Animals, Human Subjects, or Genetically Modified Organisms/Recombinant DNA

Research Involving Vertebrate Animals

All research proposals involving vertebrate animals must have their research protocol approved by the Whitman Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Whitman's IACUC is approved by the federal [Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare](#). New protocols that involve animals should be submitted to the current [Chair of the Committee](#), who will distribute them to the members of the committee for approval.

Research Involving Human Subjects

All research conducted by Whitman College faculty or students involving human participants, regardless of its funding source, must be submitted to the College's [Institutional Review Board \(IRB\)](#) for review. Federal guidelines can be found at the NIH [Office for Human Research Protections](#).

Research Involving Genetically Modified Organisms/Recombinant DNA

If required by the funding agency, protocols for research conducted by faculty and/or students using Genetically Modified Organisms/Recombinant DNA must be approved by the College's [Institutional Biosafety Committee](#). Not all funding agencies require institutional approval; it is up to the applicant to determine whether his or her experiments require approval. Most federal agencies use the [National Institutes of Health guidelines](#). Any faculty member planning to conduct recombinant DNA research at Whitman College should contact the Provost and Dean of the Faculty's office or the Office of Grants & Foundation Relations for further guidance.