

Collaboration with other Institutions

University of Wollongong researchers who are conducting animal research approved by ethics committees at other institutions are required to notify the University of Wollongong's Animal Ethics Committee of their research.

The NSW DPI Guidelines for animal research require that:

- Institutions ensure that all animal research involving their staff or students has been approved by an accredited AEC.
- Principal Investigators ensure that the AECs of all institutions involved in a collaborative project are kept informed of all relevant correspondence and all significant aspects of the project.
- A formal agreement detailing the respective responsibilities of the collaborating institutions AECs be established.
- There be a mechanism for an ongoing exchange of information about collaborative projects between AECs.

While the 'host' institution usually takes the supervisory role over the research, the employing institution continues to be responsible for its employees' actions and is legally responsible should they contravene the Animal Research Act.

Collaboration with other institutions includes the following:

- Animals and/or animal tissue received from other institutions;
- UoW staff (with/without their related students) working in any other institution
- Involvement of UoW staff (intellectual and/or financial) in animal research at another institution

For more information please see <https://www.animaethics.org.au/policies-and-guidelines>

For collaborative research, please provide a copy of any animal research application that you are involved in that is being considered at another institution, and then a copy of the final approved version and approval letter when you receive it. Applications should be sent to the Animal Ethics Officer in the Research Services Office.

Please contact the Animal Ethics Officer if you are involved in interstate or international research.

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