RYERSON UNIVERSITY
POLICY OF SENATE

ETHICS REVIEW OF RESEARCH INVOLVING ANIMALS

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Ryerson shall adhere to the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) and its guidelines for the humane treatment of experimental animals.

The approval of Ryerson’s Animal Care Committee (ACC) shall be required prior to commencing any research or teaching projects involving the use of animals, as defined by the CCAC. This includes projects carried out in the field or in a facility not owned by Ryerson, or in collaboration with an outside institution(s) or co-researcher(s).

The Principal Investigator (PI) shall be responsible for making the application to the ACC for ethics review of the research protocol. The PI who undertakes and/or supervises the research, and the researchers, students and staff who conduct the protocol, shall have the primary responsibility for ensuring that University policies and procedures, as well as legislative requirements, are followed.

The national CCAC guidelines, procedures and standards as adopted by Ryerson, shall be binding upon all faculty, staff and graduate and undergraduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research associates, and adjunct professors. Where undergraduate class projects, demonstrations and presentations involve the use of animals, the instructor shall be responsible to make the students aware of guidelines for the care and use of animals and to supervise the project to ensure the CCAC guidelines are followed and an application is made to the ACC for ethics review.

Every effort must be made to find a substitute for the use of animals in research. Where this is not possible, the animals must be housed, fed, and treated as humanely as possible according to CCAC Guidelines.
The mandate of Ryerson’s Animal Care Committee, does not include animals used for non-teaching and non-research purposes, such as pets, mascots or as demonstrations to children in the daycare centers. For the use of animals required in curriculum and for laboratory purposes, the University shall refer the animal facilities and protocols to the ACC for review of the treatment of these animals.