

Concordia University Texas

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that CTX follows ethical standards and procedures for institutions of higher education in the independent review of research involving humans and for the ethical use and care of animals for teaching and research

II. Scope

All university employees and current students.

III. Definitions

Research - The systematic investigation, including development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.

IV. Policy Statement

This document establishes the organizational structure and responsibility of

1. a university-wide INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB) to oversee, review, approve, and monitor all research activities involving human subjects conducted by, or with, CTX students, faculty, or staff;
2. a university-wide ANIMAL USE AND CARE COMMITTEE (AUCC) to oversee, review, approve, and monitor all research and teaching activities involving vertebrate animals conducted by CTX students, faculty, or staff.

Ethical principles and procedural guidelines for the IRB are to be consistent and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulations regarding the Protection of Human Subjects at 45 C.F.R. § 46, as amended (including the 2018 Requirements)..

Ethical principles and procedural guidelines for the AUCC are to be consistent and in compliance with the United States Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. § 2131).

The IRB and AUCC are required to follow the ethical guidelines for the accurate recording and reporting of research results found in the university's Academic Integrity policy.

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The IRB will function under the leadership of the Senior Director of Academic Success and the IRB Chair, who will assume responsibility for the revision and implementation of policies and procedures relating to the function of IRB, including the establishment and maintenance of membership, training, and budgetary support for the IRB .

The AUCC will function under the leadership of the CTX Biology Department Co-Chairs.

V. Additional References

Policies and Procedures Manual for Research Involving Human Participants

Policies and Procedures Manual for the Use and Care of Animals in Research and Teaching

[Policy on Academic Integrity](#)