

UCU IACUC Summary

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Uganda Christian University (UCU) is in the process of establishing an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to provide ethical oversight for research, teaching, and training activities involving animals. The IACUC will ensure that all animal-related activities conducted under the University's authority comply with national regulations, international best practices, and recognized standards for animal welfare and scientific integrity.

UCU has formally submitted its application to the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST) for the accreditation of the IACUC and is currently awaiting review and feedback from the accreditation committee. Once accredited, the IACUC will be responsible for the ethical review, approval, and monitoring of animal use protocols, including assessment of scientific justification, animal welfare considerations, humane endpoints, and compliance with approved procedures.

The establishment of the IACUC reflects UCU's commitment to responsible research governance, ethical conduct of science, and institutional readiness for multidisciplinary and internationally collaborative research.

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