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### UCT REQUIREMENT FOR ANIMAL RESEARCH ETHICS APPROVAL Office of Research Integrity (ORI) statement

All UCT affiliated researchers conducting research on animals at a UCT facility or elsewhere are reminded that UCT animal ethics committee (AEC) approval is required unless the applicable Faculty AEC recognises the approval of another institution's AEC. Reciprocal recognition of review is the prerogative of the Faculty AEC and must be requested and granted.

Similarly, all research done on animals at UCT facilities by external researchers, including students, must have UCT AEC approval unless recognition of another institution's AEC approval has been obtained from the relevant Faculty AEC. This is usually processed on a case by case basis i.e. there are currently no overarching agreements between UCT and other AECs for reciprocal recognition of approval. However, such reciprocal recognition between two National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC) registered AECs is regarded as an acceptable process by the NHREC. The process for reciprocal recognition can be determined by cooperating AECs. This latter context specifically applies to animal research that is human health related.

#### UCT RESEARCH ETHICS CODE FOR THE USE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING (2012)

A (e) UCT requires prior UCT research ethics approval for any research involving animals by (i) any and all UCT researchers including those publishing under UCT's name at UCT or elsewhere, and/or (ii) any other person conducting animal research at UCT.

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