


<b>Category</b>	Research and Scholarly Activities	<b>Policy Number</b>	ACA-RES-201	 جامعة زايد ZAYED UNIVERSITY
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## **POLICY**

### **Research Involving Human and Animal Subjects**

#### **1. Purpose**

This policy addresses Zayed University's commitment to protecting the rights and wellbeing of human and animal subjects involved in research.

#### **2. Scope of Application**

This policy applies to all activities that involve research with human or animal subjects (in whole or in part) and if at least one of the following criteria is met:

- The research is conducted by or under the direction of faculty, staff, or students of Zayed University;
- The research is sponsored by Zayed University;
- The research is sponsored by an external entity with funds to be managed by Zayed University;
- The research is conducted by, sponsored by or under the direction of faculty, staff, or students of Zayed University using any property or facility of the university;
- The research involves the use of Zayed University's nonpublic information to identify or contact human research subjects or prospective subjects.

Undergraduate student research projects that are intended for dissemination beyond the classroom are covered by this policy.

#### **3. Policy**

**3.1** All research procedures and protocols must protect and respect the rights of individual participants, issues of confidentiality, cultural sensitivities in U.A.E. society, and the reputation of Zayed University. Procedures must be designed and implemented with due care to avoid any legal action or embarrassment to the university. This policy is designed to ensure that both human and animal subjects are adequately protected during any research project conducted within or in connection with Zayed University.

**3.2** The Zayed University Research Ethics Committee (Zayed University institutional review board) will review all research proposals and protocols involving human subjects to ensure that the rights and welfare of the subjects are adequately protected and that matters of confidentiality are respected. Vulnerable subjects must be protected from undue influence or coercion to participate and appropriate

approval processes must be implemented. All activities must be in compliance with University Policies and By-Laws.

**3.3** A Zayed University Ad-hoc Committee on the Use of Animal Subjects in Research will review any research proposals and protocols involving animal subjects to ensure that the wellbeing of animal subjects used for research is adequately protected, with the aim of minimizing their experience of pain and distress and ensuring that alternatives to the use of animal subjects have been adequately considered. All activities must be in compliance with University Policies and By-Laws.

**3.4** The Zayed University Ad-hoc Committee on the Use of Animal Subjects in Research will operate as a sub-committee of the Zayed University Research Ethics Committee.

**4. Related Policies and Laws**

N/A

**5. Administration**

This policy is administered by the Office of Research.

**6. Revision History**

Date	Revision
1 February 2023	Administrative change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated the information header to be in line with the new format.</li> <li>• Updated the policy number from ACA-RES-02 to ACA-RES-201.</li> </ul>
24 September 2020	Approved by the Provost. Reviewed with no substantive changes required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added Internal Distribution.</li> <li>• Made minor changes for greater clarification.</li> </ul>
12 December 2019	Updated the format.
5 August 2009	Addition of responsibility for use of animal subjects in research.
1 October 2000	Policy approved.