

General

The following rules were developed to help pre-college student researchers adhere to the federal regulations governing professional scientists and to protect the welfare of both animal subjects and the student researcher. When students conduct research with animal subjects, health and well-being is of high priority.

SSP strongly endorses the use of non-animal research methods and encourages students to use alternatives to animal research. If the use of vertebrate animals is necessary, students must consider ways to reduce and refine their use.

All projects involving vertebrate animals must adhere to the rules below AND to either Section A or Section B rules, depending on the nature of the study and the research site.

A project is considered a tissue study and not a vertebrate animal study if tissue is obtained from an animal that was euthanized for a purpose other than the student's project. (Documentation is required of the IACUC approval for the original animal study from which tissues are obtained.) In tissue studies, a student may observe the vertebrate study, but may not manipulate or have any direct involvement in the vertebrate animal experimental procedures.