



UBC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATES

Amendments to Policy #87 (Research) and deletion of Policy #91 (Purchase of Animals for Research and Teaching)

On April 14, 2016, the Board of Governors approved the amendments to Policy #87 (Research) and authorized the deletion of Policy #91 (Purchase of Animals for Research and Teaching).

All researchers and administrators supporting research activities at UBC should familiarize themselves with Policy #87 to ensure research activities are carried out in compliance with the policy. Members of the UBC community are encouraged to distribute this notice to all members of their units involved in the conduct or administration of research. Policy #87 is UBC's key research policy which governs the conduct and funding of research at UBC. Policy #87 provides the framework within which UBC supports and enhances UBC researchers' grant funding success and also establishes the administrative processes necessary to assist researchers in navigating the process of attracting and managing research funding.

The updated Policy #87 clarifies UBC's current research practices and the responsibilities of UBC researchers and administrators. The content of Policy #91 was incorporated into Policy #87 to enable Policy #91 to be deleted contemporaneously with the approval of the amendments to Policy #87.

The amendments to Policy #87:

- 1) provide a concise statement of the obligations of UBC researchers and administrators with respect to the conduct and administration of research;
- 2) accurately reflect UBC's current practices with respect to research and research administration;
- 3) provides the framework for the operation of UBC's Animal Care and Use Program;
- 4) incorporate the content of Policy #91 into Policy #87. This is part of an ongoing effort to reduce and consolidate Board of Governors policies where appropriate;
- 5) ensure consistency and remove duplication with other UBC policies;
- 6) where appropriate, remove procedural details from the Policy and Procedures in order to enable change in administrative processes in the future without the need to update the Policy or Procedures; and
- 7) in place of having procedural details in the Policy or the Procedures, provide a mechanism for the Responsible Executive to create and maintain Directives for the research community that can set out administrative processes and requirements at a level of detail that would be unwieldy in a Board of Governors policy or its procedures.

A copy of the amended Policy #87 is found at <http://universitycounsel.ubc.ca/files/2016/04/policy87.pdf>