PURPOSE
To ensure that research involving animal subjects is conducted in an ethical manner.

POLICY
The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is charged with assuring that the use of animal subjects in research and instruction is in compliance with the United States Public Health Services policy on humane care and use of laboratory animals (Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare*).

Any animal care facilities maintained by the University must be inspected by the IACUC semi-annually for compliance with applicable federal guidelines. Any investigator wishing to conduct research using animal subjects must submit a research protocol to the IACUC for approval. Relevant guidelines are available at the reserve desk on the second floor of the Houston Cole Library. Questions or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Chairman of the IACUC or to the Coordinator of the IACUC, Department of Biology.

RESPONSIBILITY
The Vice Provost is responsible for this policy.

EVALUATION
This policy will be reviewed biennially.

*Additionally, JSU maintains an Animal Welfare Assurance for Domestic Institutions through PHS.