

## **Institutional Collaboration Policy**

### Background

The McMaster University Animal Research Ethics Board (AREB) encourages collaboration among researchers. This collaboration may include participating and conducting animal research at academic institutions and research facilities outside of McMaster University. These facilities may be located in Canada or in other nations.

Researchers who engage in animal research at institutions outside of McMaster University should be aware of the following AREB requirements:

1. The research should be conducted in facilities that are accredited and/or sanctioned by the regulatory organization in that jurisdiction.
2. Researchers must disclose to the AREB any animal research that is conducted outside of McMaster University. An opportunity to make this disclosure will be provided by a “check box” on AREB initial and renewal forms. An alternate mechanism for disclosure will be available for researchers without current McMaster University Animal Use Protocols (AUPs). A copy of the approval documents from the outside facility should be forwarded to AREB.
3. Animal research reviewed by and conducted in accredited facilities and institutions outside of McMaster University do not require any additional review by AREB.
4. Animal research conducted outside of McMaster University at facilities that are not accredited by a regulatory organization may be subject to additional review by AREB. AREB may require the researcher to provide additional information related to the scope and nature of the research activity.