

Training & Education In the Care & Use of Laboratory Animals

Because of the importance of the use of animals in research, testing, and teaching and the increasing societal concerns over this issue, the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine recognizes the need for educational programs intended to train scientists, professionals and technicians in the medical and technical aspects of the care and use of animals for these purposes.

The College recommends that all institutions engaged in biomedical research require and, where appropriate, provide educational opportunities for faculty, staff and students on subjects relative to animal care and use, including:

1. The laws, policies, procedures and guidelines related to the care and use of animals in biomedical research;
2. The concern of the public regarding the care and use of animals in biomedical research;
3. The necessity for, and benefits of, using animals in biomedical research;
4. The responsibility of each individual engaged in research with animals to conduct studies with animals in an ethical and humane manner; and
5. The fundamental and specific technical skills necessary for the humane handling and use of animals in biomedical research.