Sul Ross State University has a commitment to ensuring that all research using animal or human subjects be conducted in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 46, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). All research involving human or animal subjects must receive institutional approval prior to the beginning of the research.

**Research Involving Animals**

If student or faculty research involves the use of animals, either in the lab or in the field, the researcher may be required to obtain approval for the research protocol from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) prior to the start of the study. A student researcher should consult their advisor about the proper procedure. Both faculty and student researchers who use animal subjects should seek IACUC approval before beginning the research. Information concerning the protocol for the use of animal subjects may be found on the university website under [Graduate Research Resources](#).

**Research Involving Human Subjects**

If student or faculty research involves human subjects, the researcher must obtain approval for the research protocol from the Institutional Review Committee prior to the start of the study. A student researcher should consult their advisor about the proper procedure. Both faculty and student researchers who plan to use human subjects in research should fill out the Application for Review of Research Using Human Subjects and send it to the chairperson of the Institutional Review Committee. The application and the Federal Regulations Concerning Human Subjects may be found on the university website under [Graduate Research Resources](#).

The [Application for Review of Research Using Human Subjects](#) is also available in the Appendix of the *Faculty Handbook*. 