

**Drake University  
Office of Sponsored Programs Administration  
and Research Compliance (SPARC)**

The Institutional Review Board and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee are administratively located in the Office of Sponsored Programs Administration and Research Compliance (SPARC). The SPARC is charged with ensuring compliance with Federal research related regulations. SPARC staff manage conflict of interest, research misconduct claims, and supports technology transfer and intellectual property protection.

**Institutional Review Board (IRB)** [www.drake.edu/irb/](http://www.drake.edu/irb/)

The Drake University Institutional Review Board (IRB) is responsible for overseeing the protections of human subjects participating in Drake University research. The IRB works with researchers to ensure all ethical issues and Federal guidelines are followed.

Information contained on the IRB website expands on the regulations used by the IRB and researchers to ensure that human dignity, rights, and physical, psychological, behavioral and social welfare are protected.

Please contact the IRB with any questions or concerns by calling 515-271-2850 or by submitting a message through [irb@drake.edu](mailto:irb@drake.edu).

**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)** <http://www.drake.edu/iacuc/>

The USDA Animal Welfare Act and the NIH Public Health Service Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Animals require that institutions conducting research with animals establish an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). The IACUC provides oversight and helps ensure compliance with all laws, regulations, and policies governing the care and use of animals in research and teaching.

Please contact the IACUC with any questions or concerns by calling 515-271-3472 or by submitting a message through [iacuc@drake.edu](mailto:iacuc@drake.edu).

**Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Protection**

The SPARC Director can assist faculty in technology transfer processes and intellectual property protection. For guidance contact:

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