Gene Technology Policy

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Gene Technology Act 2012 (TAS)  
Gene Technology Regulations 2003 (TAS)  
Gene Technology Act 2003(NSW)  
Genetically Modified Organisms Control Act 2004 (TAS)  
Ordinance 9 – Student Discipline  
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1 Objective

The objective of this Policy is to establish the framework for activities involving Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) to ensure that University research activities are conducted in accordance with the national legislative scheme regulating gene technology.

2 Scope

This Policy applies to all staff, students, visiting fellows and scholars, and persons holding discretionary titles of the University of Tasmania, who are involved in the conduct of research associated with the University.

3 Policy Provisions

3.1 Compliance with Legislation

The University will comply with relevant legislation and guidelines relating to the use of gene technologies in research, including but not limited to:

- the Gene Technology Act 2000 (Cwlth)
- the Gene Technology Regulations 2001 (Cwlth)
- the Gene Technology Amendment Regulations 2011 (Cwlth)
- the Gene Technology (Licence Charges) Act 2000 (Cwlth)
- the Gene Technology Act 2012 (Tas)
- the Gene Technology Act 2003 (NSW)
- the Gene Technology Regulations 2003 (Tas)
- the Genetically Modified Organisms Control Act 2004 (Tas)

3.2 Institutional Biosafety Committee

The University will operate the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) to oversee all gene technology research conducted at the University.

Research activities involving GMOs must be assessed by the IBC and, where necessary, licensed by the OGTR.

4 Responsibilities

The University is required to:

- ensure the IBC complies with the conditions of accreditation as set out in the instrument of accreditation issued by the OGTR
- maintain a register of all current Notifiable Low Risk Dealings (NLRD) and licensed dealings conducted by the University
- keep records of all inspections of certified facilities within the University
- provide training and continuing education to members of the IBC on relevant legislation and other developing issues relating to gene
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technology

- ensure that those conducting gene technology research are adequately experienced and qualified
- monitor activities involving gene technology to ensure researchers are aware of and maintain compliance with the relevant legislation and this Policy
- conduct annual inspections of all University sites that are OGTR Certified Facilities.

Researchers are required to:

- comply with the *Gene Technology Act 2000* (Cwlth) and *Gene Technology (Licence Charges) Act 2000* (Cwlth) and related University policy and procedures
- ensure that they are adequately trained and qualified to undertake the activities related to their research
- ensure that all research activities involving gene technology are assessed by the IBC and, when required, licensed by the OGTR
- submit annual reports to the IBC regarding facilities, authorised NLRDs, and licence compliance with the Gene Technology Regulations 2001.

Records and Information that support these activities will be created, managed and retained in accordance with University Records Management Policy, Procedures and Guidelines.

5 Definitions and Acronyms

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<td>Organisational Unit</td>
<td>College, Faculty, School, Centre, University Institute, other University Entity, Division, Section or University Business Enterprise.</td>
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6 Supporting Documentation

- *Responsible Conduct of Research Policy*
- *Research Ethics Policy*
- *Managing Allegations of Research Misconduct Procedure*
- *Records Management Policy*
- Guidelines for the Transport, Storage and Disposal of GMOs (2011, OGTR)
- Guidelines for Storage and Disposal of Notifiable Low Risk Dealings (2008, OGTR)
- National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (National Health and Medical Research Council, Australian Research Council,
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Australian Vice-Chancellors’ Committee, 2007

- Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (National Health and Medical Research Council, Australian Research Council, Universities Australia, 2007)

7 Versioning

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