



Office of the
Information and Privacy
Commissioner of Alberta

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Adjudicator confirms University of Alberta decision not to grant fee waiver

An Adjudicator with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has upheld a decision by the University of Alberta not to grant a fee waiver to an Applicant.

The individual made a request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) for information related to its teaching and research involving the use of animals. The University assessed fees for processing the request, and the Applicant requested a fee waiver, but the University refused to grant a waiver.

In his ruling, Adjudicator Wade Riordan Raaflaub found that a fee waiver was not warranted on the inability to pay. He also ruled that, while animal research in general might be a matter of public interest, the specific information requested did not relate to a matter of public interest.

For a copy of Order F2009-034, please visit our website at www.oipc.ab.ca

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