

# IACUC Update

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## “Introduction to Fish” now offered in the AALAS Learning Library

The AALAS Learning Library (ALL) has offered a new course: “Introduction to Fish.” If you are responsible for handling fish, conducting research with fish, or writing an animal utilization proposal (AUP or protocol) that utilizes fish, this module will provide:

- Information on key regulatory and occupational health issues
- Guidance on searches for alternatives in the care and use of animals
- Highlights of unique biological features of these animals
- Overviews of acceptable basic methodologies, management of pain, requirements for supportive care procedures, and euthanasia.

At the June 9, 2014 Full Committee Review, the IACUC voted to require this module for all fish users, effective December 1, 2014.

On December 1, 2014, all fish species in eProtocol will be coded for this course. At that time, you will not be able to submit any protocol action on a fish protocol (e.g., Amendment, Continuing Review, New Protocol, etc.) if any personnel listed has not completed the “Introduction to Fish” (course ID 3927).

## What Investigators Need to Know About the Use of Animals

In this article in a recent issue of ILAR Journal, [Volume 54\(3\)](#), the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) at NIH reviews expectations and requirements for investigators when using animals in research.

You will learn about investigator responsibilities starting from the early stages of project planning, to applying for funding and post-award. You will also find information on the requirements of the PHS Policy, the role of the IACUC, and other useful resources. [Download the article here](#) (PDF).

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## eProtocol Tip of the Month

**Ensure all funded projects are listed on your approved protocol.**

The Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP) verifies that IACUC approval has been issued prior to releasing funds. If the funding source is not listed in your approved protocol, there may be a delay in receiving your award.

## Webinar Offering: Meeting Requirements for Alternative Searches: Information for IACUCs and Investigators

The Office of Research Support is hosting the following webinar sponsored by the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) and you are invited:

**Meeting Requirements for Alternatives Searches: Information for IACUCs and Investigators**

Date: **June 26, 2014**

Time: **Noon - 1 p.m.**

Location: **FAC 426HH**

Kathleen Gregory, reference librarian at the University of Denver, will provide information for IACUCs and researchers about the alternatives search required by the USDA Animal Welfare Regulations.

To register, visit <http://links.utexas.edu/bzosuha> or search for RC 392 in TXClass.

For more information, see the ORS website: <http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/news/index.html>

We'll see you at the webinar!

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **August 11, 2014**.

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **July 25, 2014**.

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