

University of Texas at Austin

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

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It is the responsibility of The University of Texas at Austin (University) to provide suitable orientation, appropriate materials, adequate resources and training to enable research faculty and staff and IACUC members to carry out their respective duties consistent with the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (the Guide), the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (PHS Policy) and the Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations (AWRs).

Local institutional policies and procedures need to be a part of the training and education program. Frequently, researchers and IACUC members find it confusing to understand the differences between the federal policies and requirements and institutional policies and procedures. The Institution is responsible for informing researchers and IACUC members of their responsibilities, providing training relative to their respective roles, and ensuring information to fulfill their duties is available.

The University of Texas at Austin (University) recognizes the importance of animals in research and the scientific and ethical responsibility for their humane care and use. All those involved with the use of laboratory animals are responsible for insuring the health and well-being of the animals used in research and education at the University. The IACUC is responsible for overseeing the provisions for the care and well-being of animals used for research and educational purposes at the University and serves the public by ensuring compliance with all legal and ethical standards regarding the use of vertebrate animals in research and teaching at the University.