

University of Texas at Austin

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

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Agencies of the Department of Defense (DOD) use a two-step/dual approval process for work involving animals. All DOD funded work approved by the University of Texas IACUC must receive secondary approval from the DOD prior to initiation. Unlike NIH funding, the first step in receiving funding from the DOD will be to receive IACUC approval for the proposal from the University of Texas at Austin. Once approval is received, the researcher will submit the approved IACUC protocol along with their grant proposal to the appropriate Department of Defense office (ACURO, BUMC, etc.). When approving the grant, the DOD office will do a secondary review and approval of the IACUC protocol.

Department of Defense Protocol Amendments

Once a grant proposal has been funded by the DOD, the PI should submit an amendment to the IACUC to add the funding to their protocol.

After DOD funding has been added to a protocol, the Office of Research Support and Compliance (RSC) has implemented the following procedures to support Principal Investigators in the management of their DOD funded work:

When a researcher amends their DOD funded UT protocol, in addition to the UT approval letter, they will receive a notification from the RSC office that they are not allowed to implement the change until the DOD has issued a secondary approval. The RSC will submit the amended protocol to the DOD on behalf of the Principal Investigator. The DOD will review the change and issue their own approval letter. The time to receive notification of secondary approval depends upon the complexity of the amendment. CAUTION: Implementing any change prior to receiving the secondary DOD approval notice is considered non-compliance with grant stipulations.

Department of Defense Funding and Project Collaborations

Collaborative investigators at other institutions must submit their own protocol and proposal to the appropriate DOD office. Therefore, they should work with their own institution's IACUC to maintain compliance with DOD grant expectations.