

**University of Texas at Austin**  
**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**

**IACUC Procedure # 8.2**

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| Title                 | Department of Defense Funding and IACUC Procedures |         |     |
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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 and other required documentation to the appropriate Department of Defense compliance office (ACURO, BUMC, etc.). The DOD office will perform a secondary review of the IACUC protocol at this time. See below for pertinent links, including a detailed informational document about this.

**Department of Defense Protocol Amendments**

Once the DOD compliance office has approved the animal work and the funding is awarded, the PI should submit an amendment to the UT Austin IACUC to add the funding to their protocol.

The DOD must perform a secondary review on all significant changes to the IACUC protocol. 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.

**References and Supporting Links**

University of Texas at Austin Informational Document #8.3- Investigator Resources and Information Regarding DOD Animal Use Compliance Committees: <https://research.utexas.edu/ors/animal-research/policies-procedures-and-guidelines/>

ACURO Guidance for Submission of Changes to DOD-Supported Animal Care and Use Protocols: [https://mrdc.amedd.army.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research\\_protections/acuro](https://mrdc.amedd.army.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research_protections/acuro)

ACURO Institutional Notifications to the Animal Care and Use Review Office: [https://mrdc.amedd.army.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research\\_protections/acuro](https://mrdc.amedd.army.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research_protections/acuro)

DOD Instruction 3216.01 - Use of Animals in DOD Conducted and Supported Research and Training: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/321601p.pdf>

US Army Animal Care and Use Review Office (ACURO):  
[https://mrdc.amedd.army.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research\\_protections/acuro](https://mrdc.amedd.army.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research_protections/acuro)

US Air Force Medical Service Animal Use Program:  
<https://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/Organizations/AF-Research-Oversight-Compliance/AnimalUse-Program/>

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| Approval Date | Major Change(s) Approved   |
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| 11/01/2021    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section regarding DOD protocol amendments revised</li><li>• UT Austin informational document and DOD oversight office links provided</li></ul> |