

ANIMAL CARE AND USE UPDATE

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



Thank You for Your Participation in the AAALAC Site Visit!

ORSC would like to thank animal researchers and animal care personnel for your time spent preparing for the site visit, meeting with AAALAC representatives, and making appropriate corrections as needed.

UT Austin undergoes an AAALAC reaccreditation site visit every three years. AAALAC council will convene in early 2022 to discuss the status of UT Austin's reaccreditation.

Winter Break Closures

ORSC and ARC will be closed between **Friday, December 24, 2021 and Friday, December 31, 2021** for winter break. No protocol processing will occur through ORSC and no animal orders will be fulfilled by the ARC during this time.

PROTOCOL SUBMISSION DEADLINES: Remember only COMPLETE protocols that have passed pre-review will be accepted for IACUC review. It is strongly recommended that you submit your protocol multiple days before the following deadlines to guarantee review!

- The submission deadline for the January 10, 2022 full committee IACUC meeting is Monday, December 6, 2021.
- Protocol amendments containing significant changes or continuing reviews submitted after Wednesday, December 8, 2021 may not receive approval by designated member reviewers prior to Winter Break.

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THE NEXT IACUC FULL COMMITTEE REVIEW (FCR) IS MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022.

[Click here for when to submit your protocol in relation to meetings.](#)

Meeting dates through the end of 2022 can be found on our website here.

Winter Break Closures (continued)

ANIMAL ORDERING: The ARC's animal ordering deadline for the last 2021 order is 7am Thursday, December 9, 2021 for animals to arrive December 13-14, 2021.

Protocol processing and animal order processing will resume after winter break on Monday, January 3, 2022. For animal-related emergencies, contact the on-call veterinarian at 512-205-2107.



ARC Training and Surgical Support

The ARC continues to offer hands-on training and surgical support. We can provide training for basic animal handling, as well as a variety of protocol-approved techniques (free of charge to all UT researchers). To request training, complete an [online training request form](#) found under the services tab on the ARC homepage. If you have questions about specific training requests, you can direct inquiries to the [Senior Clinical Veterinarian, Dr. Laura Wilding](#).

To reserve procedure or surgical space or support, the ARC has an [online room reservation system](#) that can be found under the room scheduling tab on the ARC homepage. If you have questions about reserving procedure space or obtaining anesthesia/surgical support, contact Dr. Laura Wilding.

New and Revised IACUC Guidelines/ Policies

The following IACUC guidelines and policies have been revised and approved during the last four months and include details that investigators should be aware of:

Guidelines for Analgesia Use in Rodents (updated 8/9/21)

- Mouse dosage clarified for different forms of Buprenorphine SR

Post Approval Monitoring (PAM) Policy (updated 10/11/21)

- Updates made throughout to incorporate the new QA program

Who can be a Principal Investigator? Policy (updated 11/1/21)

- Section added regarding procedures for PIs on expended leave

Review these documents for more details and contact IACUC staff with any questions or concerns.

ORSC Job Opening

The Office of Research Support and Compliance (ORSC) functions to ensure that all research conducted at the University is in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and University policies. ORSC currently has a job opening for **Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) Manager**. [View the job posting for more information.](#)

Continuing Education: OLAW Webinar



“Best Practices for Conducting a Search for Alternatives and Finding Animal Model/ Model Organism Information”

December 9, 2021, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm (central)

In this webinar, experts from the NIH Library and USDA Animal Welfare Information Center will discuss how to find 3Rs methods (replacement, reduction, and refinement) and animal use alternative information in bibliographic databases. Participants will also learn how to find journal articles, patents, NIH-funded research projects, and genetic information related to animal models and model organisms, as well as requirements and resources for the NIH Model Organism Sharing Policy.

[Register here.](#)

Need Help?

ORSC is here to assist! Staff are working remote, so the best way to reach us with questions or concerns is by email.

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