



TITLE: Collaborative Research Projects, Sub-grants, and Subcontracts Taking Place at Non-FIT Facilities

Purpose: Prior to use of animals by FIT faculty or staff in teaching, research, or outreach, an approved protocol must be in place. This includes animal-based teaching, research, and outreach occurring at facilities not owned or controlled by FIT. This procedure covers such use in 2 instances: when the work is supported by funds administered through FIT and/or when the FIT investigator(s) will utilize their affiliation with the University in publications and presentations. This procedure further defines the responsibilities of investigators in these instances and outlines the options and obligations of the IACUC. Because the animal program at another institution is beyond the direct control of FIT, it is imperative that animal-based teaching, research, and outreach only be conducted at well-managed locations that comply with applicable regulatory requirements.

PROCEDURE:

1. Any FIT investigator conducting collaborative animal-based teaching, research, and outreach and/or entering into sub-grants or subcontracts at facilities not owned or controlled by FIT must have an IACUC-approved protocol from the institution where the animal work occurs. Once approval is granted, the investigator must provide a copy of 1) an approval letter from that institution's IACUC to the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) and 2) the approved protocol to the FIT IACUC. Principal Investigators are responsible for reporting any change in approval status to OSP.
2. While federal regulatory agencies do not require duplicative review by both institutions, FIT will not relinquish its right to review any animal use protocol. Determination of the need for duplicative review shall be made by the IACUC using established FIT protocol review processes.
3. If the research, teaching, or outreach involves animals covered under the Animal Welfare Act (USDA), the non-FIT facility must provide evidence that it is registered as a "Research Facility" with the USDA. If PHS funding supports the activity, the non-FIT facility must provide evidence to the FIT Investigator of current PHS Assurance. Research, teaching, or outreach using live vertebrate animals at non-USDA registered or non-PHS assured institutions will adhere to OLAW's guidance and will be reviewed by FIT institutional representatives on a case-by-case basis.
4. If an investigator conducts collaborative animal-based teaching, research, and outreach at both FIT and non-FIT facilities and the activity for both locations is described in the other institution's protocol, the IACUC may, at their discretion, accept the other institution's protocol for their review.

An approved Animal Care and Use Protocol shall be required for any research involving University faculty, staff, students, or funding that utilizes privately owned animals and that involves practices beyond those associated with normal husbandry. Inspection of privately owned animal facilities may or may not be required as determined by the IACUC.

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