



TITLE: Principal Investigator Status for Animal Care and Use Protocols

Purpose: The purpose of this procedure is to define the minimum requirements for an individual to hold PI status for a FIT Animal Care and Use Protocol. Such status carries with it final responsibility for any and all activities related to the work carried out under the protocol. This includes, but is not limited to, the completion of annual continuing reviews, the submission of renewals and amendments, and ultimate responsibility for the actions and safety of all personnel who use and care for animals in research, teaching, and outreach activities under an approved protocol. PI designation on a FIT Animal Care and Use Protocol does not assure or imply any guarantee of PI status in any other FIT context, office or laboratory space, personnel and fiscal management, or other department, school, college, or unit support, including employment.

PROCEDURE: A PI identified on a grant must also be identified as the PI on an animal protocol. To be identified as a PI on a FIT Animal Care and Use Protocol, an individual must hold a current appointment that provides 1 of the following:

- University PI status (currently this includes assistant/associate/full professors)
- Independent position status (which includes emeritus faculty, academic staff with the title Research Associate, Associate Research Professor, Instructor, Research Professional, Researcher, Research Scientist, Adjunct Faculty)

It is the IACUC's responsibility to determine if the individual identified on a protocol application as the PI is qualified to assume animal protocol PI status responsibilities. External personnel may be identified as a PI with review and approval by the IACUC. Persons denied PI status on animal protocols may appeal the IACUC's decision, but the IACUC shall have final authority for such decisions.

References:

Animal Welfare Act Regulations sec. 1.1 "Definitions": Principal Investigator means an employee of a research facility, or other person associated with a research facility, responsible for a proposal to conduct research and for the design and implementation of research involving animals.

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