

| <b>Institutional Animal Care &amp; Use Program - UTEP</b>                                      |                                    |
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| <b>Title:</b> Principal Investigator – Non-animal and Naïve users                              |                                    |
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#### A) RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of all personnel conducting research involving the use of animals at UTEP to abide by this policy in order to ensure appropriate animal welfare. It is the responsibility of the IACUC to review for approval, properly justified requests for an exception to this policy.

#### B) DEFINITIONS

- 1) Principal Investigator (PI): 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 with the Animal Welfare Act (AWA)
- 2) Faculty members: All categories of compensated faculty members of UTEP
- 3) Staff: Staff may serve in this role if they have appropriate qualifications to conduct the research.
- 4) PI non-animal user: A faculty member who is ultimately responsible for the oversight of the research being conducted but will not physically be handling or manipulating animals. The PI non-animal user will allocate animal responsibility to an animal user faculty Co-I (Co-Investigator) to help facilitate training of animal procedures in the lab.
- 5) Co-Investigator (Co-I): A senior or key faculty member who will be collaborating with the faculty naïve animal PI, does not have the overall responsibility and authority of the PI, however, may be responsible for training and overseeing animal experiments.
- 6) Designated lab personnel: student or an employee collaborating with the faculty Co-I/Mentor in facilitating/conducting animal-related procedures. A non-faculty,

academic support staff, post-doctoral fellows, staff appointments, graduate students, or undergraduate students must be under the direction of a faculty member, as defined above

- 7) Naïve animal PI: A faculty member with no previous animal experience wishing to lead an approved IACUC animal protocol

#### C) PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline requirements for faculty animal research investigators who designate animal-related procedures to a Co-I and naïve animal PI(s) with no animal use experience wishing to become active animal researchers.

#### D) PROTOCOL OVERSIGHT

- 1) The PI must ensure that all members of the research team have access to any IACUC-approved animal use for which they are listed as personnel, that they read and understand the IACUC protocol, and that work does not commence until IACUC approval is received.

#### E) TRAINING COMPONENTS

- 1) Required Core Training:
  - a) CITI Program Online Modules
    - (1) Modules will be assigned based on species
  - b) Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Components
    - (1) General Laboratory Safety
    - (2) Bloodborne Pathogens
    - (3) Occupational Health Questionnaire
  - c) LARC training
    - (1) Vivarium overview and facility tour
    - (2) Animal Handling and surgical training, as applicable

- 2) The required training components for each type of PI are listed below:
  - a) PI non-animal user:
 

will not be performing any animal procedures - must include at least one Co-I and one designated lab personnel to perform animal-related activities on the protocol. In this case, the non-animal user PI is only required to take the CITI Program Online Modules.
  - b) Naïve animal PI:
 

will be performing the animal procedures - must include at least one Co-I to perform animal-related activities on the protocol. In this case, the Naïve animal PI must complete all required training components
- 3) The PI must ensure that all personnel listed on the IACUC protocol remain in compliance with the IACUC training requirements.
- 4) Training components overview:

|                    | CITI Program | EH&S Components | LARC Training |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Non-animal user PI | X            |                 |               |
| Naïve animal PI    | X            | X               | X             |
| CO-I / Mentor      | X            | X               | X             |