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Consider Joining Us!

The ACUC is always looking for new members. Animal research on campus is highly diverse and thus the committee needs to reflect diverse expertise - both scientific and taxonomic. Joining the ACUC is an interesting and important way to provide service to the Berkeley campus. The workload is reasonable and participants learn not only how to better prepare their own protocols but also about the incredible breadth of cutting edge research being conducted by Berkeley scientists. All faculty who have an animal use protocol should consider paying it forward by serving on the ACUC ... and enjoying our monthly lunch buffets!

Kind regards,

Eileen Lacey
ACUC Chair

Ellen Robey
ACUC Vice Chair

And remember....

- An Association for American Association Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) team will be on campus March 25-27, 2019 for our re-accreditation site visit. UCB has been continuously accredited since 1994 and we want to maintain that status by demonstrating that our animal care and use program continues to be exemplary. Please help us do so - it benefits the animals and the quality of the research we do!

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eProtocol Tips

1. Strategize your amendment submissions.

If you have a time sensitive minor revision, do NOT include a significant revision in the same amendment.

- Minor or nonsignificant revisions include updates to personnel, funding sources, or correction of typographical errors.
- Significant revisions typically include changes in experimental procedures, agents, or PI.

Additional types of administrative versus significant amendments can be found in the [Policy of Protocol Review](#) (appendix A).

2. What's the fastest way for a new lab member to get added to the AUP?

Submit an amendment. It's imperative that the amendment is approved BEFORE the new members begin live animal work. To expedite OACU review/approval, before submitting the amendment, ensure that new personnel have completed:

- a) Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative ([CITI](#)) web-based training, "Working with the IACUC". NOTE: This training must be renewed every 5 years.
- b) Occupational Health Surveillance System ([OHSS](#)) assessment. NOTE: Supervisor must create the risk assessment for their employee.

In the amendment, describe the experience/training the new person has had. This includes the number of years of experience and, if less than one year, a plan for how they will be trained. Only include training and experience outside the standard CITI and OHSS requirements.

The amendment should ONLY include personnel changes. Additional changes will slow down the review process. For instructions on how to submit an amendment in eP, visit the [eProtocol quick guide](#).

3. My AUP is due for continuing review. Can I submit an amendment to the AUP with the continuing review?

Submit the continuing review first. Once approved, then submit the amendment.

4. My AUP expired, what do I do?

Stop all work with vertebrate animals immediately. Expired AUPs cannot be reactivated. A new AUP must be submitted for review. NOTE: It is the PI's responsibility to know the expiration date (which can be found on your [investigator homepage](#)).

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Reminders

It is important that funding sources are updated in your AUP. Only the PI of a grant or subcontract can add his or her own SPO Funding information in the Funding Sources section of the protocol. For more information on how to add a funding source, review our [eP quick guide](https://acuc.berkeley.edu/eprotocol_guides/funding.pdf): (https://acuc.berkeley.edu/eprotocol_guides/funding.pdf)

Help protect the health and wellbeing of university employees, students and/or visitors who are exposed to animals by ensuring that your AUP's OHSS is up to date, *especially* if you've had a new species come onto the protocol or if someone moves to another lab.

Welcome

OLAC is pleased to announce the return of Dr. Kelly Jensen, DVM, DACLAM to UC Berkeley. Dr. Jensen is (re-) joining us from UCSF where she served as Chief Veterinarian of Large Animal Care.

OACU is also welcoming a new staff analyst this month, Nora Allen. Nora joins us from UC Davis where she served as the colony manager for an endangered mammal species.

Regulatory News

The federal Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) re-approved UCB's Assurance in December 2018. This included changes made to streamline administrative processes to make them less burdensome to PIs. Examples include:

1. ACUC no longer requires **Annual Reviews** unless you have Department of Defense (DoD) funding OR work with USDA species.
2. For **deNovo Reviews**, if all procedures are pain Categories B or C (https://acuc.berkeley.edu/guidelines/assigning_pain_distress.pdf) then your deNovo review is eligible for DMR review rather than going to the full ACUC meeting for review.
3. OACU staff will record the official approval date - as documented by the reviewers - in the approval letter that is generated by eP software. The ACUC and OACU staff work diligently and proactively with investigators to avoid having a protocol potentially expire over a weekend or holiday thereby interrupting ongoing research.