

## POLICY ON ACUC APPROVAL OF ANIMAL USE IN OFF-CAMPUS RESEARCH

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**BACKGROUND:** The Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) is charged with ensuring that all use of live vertebrate animals by, or under the direction of, U.C. Berkeley faculty members acting to carry out their duties on behalf of U.C. Berkeley complies with applicable animal welfare laws, regulations and policies. The purpose of this policy is to define those situations in which a proposed off-campus use of animals must be reviewed and approved by the ACUC.

**POLICY:** If a faculty member either uses U.C. Berkeley-administered funds to support an off-campus use of live vertebrate animals or engages in an activity under the aegis of the university then the ACUC must review and approve the animal procedures that will be performed at the off-campus location. Accordingly, most off-campus animal use procedures with which U.C. Berkeley faculty members are involved require prior review and approval by the ACUC.

Examples of off-campus activities planned by U.C. Berkeley investigators that would be covered by this policy include, but are not limited to:

- (a) participation in a collaborative or non-collaborative project as part of a U.C.-based research effort at an off-campus location that involves the performance of procedures on live vertebrate animals;
- (b) provision of live vertebrate animals to an investigator at an off-campus location for use in a collaborative project;
- (c) receipt of live vertebrate animals on campus or at another U.C. Berkeley facility that have been subjected to research procedures by an investigator at an off-campus location as part of a collaborative project;
- (d) use of U.C. Berkeley-administered funds to support a collaborative or non-collaborative project in which animals are subjected to research procedures at an off-campus location;
- (e) use of U.C. Berkeley-administered funds to contract for research services to be performed by, or to purchase custom antibodies or other animal materials from, an outside vendor.

**Faculty members who are contemplating any involvement in an off-campus animal research activity should contact the ACUC to determine whether the proposed procedures are subject to prior review and approval and, if so, what information should be submitted to the ACUC.**

The actual mechanism that the ACUC will use to review a proposed off-campus use of animals is dictated by a variety of factors, including whether the activity is to be conducted in the field or at a facility that is accredited by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, International, registered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and/or has an approved PHS Animal Welfare Assurance on file at the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare at the National Institutes of Health.