
Welcome to the UC Davis Animal Care Program

As you commence working with animals in research and/or teaching at UC Davis, it's crucial to familiarize yourself with the necessary protocols and training to ensure humane animal care and compliant practices.

Contact the IACUC Administrative Office

For guidance and assistance, reach out to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Administrative Office:

- **Email:** iacuc-staff@ucdavis.edu
 - **Phone:** 530-752-2364
 - **Website:** <https://research.ucdavis.edu/research-support/animal-care-use/>
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Protocols and Amendments

All animal work in research or teaching must be approved through an IACUC protocol.

- **Submission Portal:** <https://iacuc.ucdavis.edu/protocol/>
 - **Resources:** Access policies, FAQs, and training opportunities-
<https://research.ucdavis.edu/research-support/animal-care-use/iacuc/>
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Mandatory Training, Occupational Health Participation, and Documentation Requirements

Before engaging in animal-related activities, complete the following training:

1. Animal Care and Use 101 (ACU 101)
 - **Description:** Covers laws, regulations, and UC Davis's animal care program.
 - **Validity:** Valid for three years; retraining required thereafter.
 - **Access:** lms.ucdavis.edu

2. New PIs are also encouraged to complete the 15-minute ***PI Responsibilities Training*** in the LMS to learn about safety culture, key responsibilities, and practical steps for building a safe lab environment.
 3. Occupational Health Surveillance System (OHSS)- Participation required for people working with animals:
 - **Purpose:** Provides preventive medicine services for those in contact with live vertebrate animals.
 - **Process:** Begin by completing the risk assessment process through the OHSS system; follow instructions based on individual risk assessment.
 - **Access:** <https://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/units/occupational-health/surveillance-system>
 4. Training Records
 - **Documentation:** All people working with live animals must have a training record documenting the completed training for work with each species and technique being performed as approved under a protocol.
 - **Requirements:** This IACUC training record template serves as a guide for documenting training and should be modified to include the specific species and procedures approved under protocol(s): <https://research.ucdavis.edu/research-support/animal-care-use/iacuc/>
 5. Rodent Survival Surgery Training
 - **Requirement:** Mandatory for personnel performing survival surgeries on rodents.
 1. **Access:** lms.ucdavis.edu
 - **Waste Anesthetic Gas (WAG) course:** Mandatory for all indoor rodent users using inhalation anesthetics for surgery or other procedures.
 1. **Access:** lms.ucdavis.edu
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Working with Hazardous Agents

If your research involves hazardous agents:

Needed approvals:

- **Stem Cell Research Oversight (SCRO)-**
<https://research.ucdavis.edu/about/offices/compliance-ethics-safety-office/>
- **Biological Use Authorization (BUA)**
- **Radiation Use Authorization (RUA)**
- **Chemical Safety:** Ensure a chemical hygiene plan is in place.

- **Resources and Contacts for Biosafety, Chemical Safety, and Radiation Safety:** <https://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/units/ehs/research/laboratory/haz-material>
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Animal Housing in TRACS

For housing animals in the Teaching and Research Animal Care Services (TRACS) facility:

<https://research.ucdavis.edu/research-support/animal-care-use/tracs/>

- **Space Request:** <https://research.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/TRACS-Space-Request-Form.pdf>
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Grant Congruency Verification

Ensure your grant applications align with approved IACUC protocols:

- **Certification Form:** https://research.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/Protocol_Certification_Form-FINAL.pdf
 - **Standard Operating Procedure:** <https://research.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/Grant-Congruence-SOP-1.pdf>
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UC Davis Animal Transfers, Imports & Exports

Ensuring Biosecurity and Research Integrity

All animal purchases and movements must be processed through the Animal Tracking System (ATS):

- **Transfers:** Between protocols or locations (including room-to-room moves).
 - **Imports/Exports:** Animals from non-approved vendors or outside institutions.
 - **Access** the ATS and supporting documents here: <https://research.ucdavis.edu/research-support/animal-care-use/campus-veterinary-services/animal-transfers-import-and-exports/>
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Stay Connected

For ongoing updates and support:

- **IACUC Administrative Office:** iacuc-staff@ucdavis.edu | 530-752-2364
- **Campus Veterinary Services:** cvsvet@ucdavis.edu | 530-752-0514

Ensure all required training and protocols are completed before commencing any animal-related activities.
