IACUC Policy 1: Animal Use Performed by/for TTUHSC Investigators at Non-TTUHSC Sites

The IACUC recognizes that TTUHSC investigators frequently collaborate on animal research with investigators of other institutions, and that animals involved in such research will be housed at the collaborator’s institution. To ensure that this research conforms to the standards of the TTUHSC, the following policy has been formulated.

1. If a TTUHSC investigator will be involved in animal research (a) where animals will be housed and/or research will be conducted at a non-TTUHSC site, institution (for example, custom-made animals or antibodies), or non-affiliated business (for example, a privately owned farm), or (b) animals will be purchased with TTUHSC funds regardless of the site, the TTUHSC investigator must supply the following information to the IACUC administrator:
   a. The name of the PI at TTUHSC
   b. The name of the PI or responsible individual at the other institution, agency, or business
   c. The name of collaborating institution, agency, or business
   d. IACUC title and protocol number assigned by the other institution, agency, or business, if applicable
   e. Species involved in the IACUC protocol
   f. The date of the current IACUC approval for this protocol, and the period it covers (i.e., 5/11/21 - 5/11/22)
   g. PHS Assurance number12
   h. USDA Registration number (if USDA-covered species)
   i. Written confirmation of current IACUC approval from an authorized official at the other site, if applicable
   j. Brief statement of what will be done at or provided by the non-TTUHSC site.

2. If a TTUHSC investigator will be purchasing custom-made animals or antibodies from a commercial source, the TTUHSC investigator must supply the company’s PHS Assurance number.

3. If a TTUHSC investigator is on sabbatical leave at a non-TTUHSC institution, the TTUHSC investigator must abide by the policies, rules and regulations of the designated sabbatical institution when using animals at that institution. It is understood that in this instance, the TTUHSC IACUC is not responsible for the investigator’s activities at the sabbatical institution during the investigator’s leave. However, the use of TTUHSC funds supporting any animal investigation at the sabbatical institution also must conform to the policy defined in item 1.

References
1. Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, V.B.