ACUP means the policies, procedure, standards, organizational structure, staffing, facilities, and practices put into place by an institution to achieve the humane care and use of animals in the laboratory and throughout the institution.
What does the IACUC do?

- Review the institution's program for the humane care and use of animals
- Inspect the institution's animal facilities
- Prepare reports to the Institutional Official of the IACUC evaluations
- Review animal welfare concerns
- Make recommendations to the IO on any aspect of the animal program, facilities, or personnel training
- Review and approve components of PHS supported activities related to the care and use of animals
- Review and approve proposed significant changes to the use of animals in ongoing activities
- Is authorized to suspend an activity involving animals
The PHS Assurance allows TTUHSC to receive NIH funding. It describes how TTUHSC conducts business regarding the use of animals.

- NIH designates OLAW to administer policy
- OLAW receives a TTUHSC annual report

**TTUHSC IO** receives IACUC reports of:
- semiannual program review
- semiannual facility & lab inspections
- notice(s) of deviations and noncompliance
• Regulates the treatment of animals via the Animal Welfare Act
• Representative visits TTUHSC at least once annually
• Receives an annual annual report from TTUHSC
• Establishes many of the IACUC operating rules
• Administers policy per designation by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Animals NOT regulated by USDA:
• Mus genus mice used for research
• Ratus genus rats
• Birds
- Private, nonprofit organization
- Voluntary accreditation program
- Not a regulatory body and does not enforce regulations
- Accreditation is held in high regard by OLAW, USDA and stakeholders
- Accredited institutions are visited on-site every 3 years to maintain status
- TTUHSC submits an annual report
- Next site visit due 2024

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PROTOCOLS

Types of Submissions

- **Initial Review**
  - New submission
- **Annual Status Report (ASR)**
  - Last 12 month activity & # of animals used; goals for next 12 months
- **Designated Member Review (DMR)**
  - FCR but PI requests review in a shorter time. See Policy 7.
- **Amendment**
  - **Major changes** (species, procedures, +10% animal numbers)
  - **Minor changes** (personnel, funding source, location)
- **3-Year Renewal**

Submission requires a **Full Committee Review** (FCR) & presentation in a monthly meeting
Submission is assigned a **Designated Reviewer**
Submission is reviewed **Administratively** by IACUC staff

The **IACUC APPLICATION FORM** (IAF) has all the animal use information.
The IAF is attached to all submissions **except** the ASR

Types of Protocols

- Breeding
- Experimental
- Training
- Housing (IVet)

See **IACUC Policy 13.**
MEMBERS

Voting
Affiliated Scientist
Affiliated Non-Scientist
Non-Affiliated, Non-Scientist

Non-Voting
Safety Services Staff
LARC Staff
Legal Counsel
IACUC Staff

Resources

TTUHSC IACUC Website
- iRIS Login
- Meeting Dates
- PHS Assurance
- IACUC Policies
- CITI Program
- Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
- PHS Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
- OLAW Tutorial
- & much more!

TTUHSC OP 73.03 Animal Care and Use Program

IACUC Guidebook

Guidelines for the Ethical Conduct

Member Roster is available in iRIS Home > Help > IACUC.
Questions?

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https://www.ttuhsc.edu/research/divisions/integrity-office/animal-care/default.aspx

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