

## IACUC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### Requirements for Principal Investigators on IACUC Protocols

#### **Purpose:**

This document provides for Principal Investigators (PI) and Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PI) the criteria that must be met to qualify to submit an animal care and use protocol.

#### **Requirements:**

The qualifications of the principal investigator responsible for an approved University of Kentucky IACUC protocol include faculty, adjunct faculty and permanent staff of the University of Kentucky who have earned the PhD, PharmD, or other professional degree such as MD, DVM, DMD, DDS or similar. The Principal Investigator must have completed the mandated education requirements and be enrolled in the Occupational Health Program. The Principal Investigator must have adequate experience with the research model and animal species approved in the protocol or have an approved, detailed training plan in place on the protocol. The requirements of the Co-Investigator are exactly the same as the Principal Investigator. Students (professional or otherwise, post-doctoral fellows, or post-doctoral scholars) cannot participate as the principal investigator or co-investigator but rather as study personnel. This policy is in effect immediately for new modifications to all existing protocols and for all new protocols submitted after March 1, 2006. Current approved protocols will be excluded from this requirement with principal investigators asked to comply but not required.

#### **Exception:**

The Vice President for Research can approve person(s) other than University of Kentucky faculty or permanent staff thus making them eligible to submit and be responsible for UK IACUC approved protocols.

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