

## **Policy for Principal Investigators**

This document establishes the policy of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) regarding requirements for Principal Investigators at the University of Kentucky.

### **Policy**

A Principal Investigator must be faculty, adjunct faculty, emeritus faculty or permanent staff who has earned a PhD, PharmD, or other professional degree (MD, DVM, DMD, DDS or similar). Enrollment in the Occupational Health Program and completion of mandatory education is required. The Principal Investigator must have adequate experience with the research model and animal species or have an approved, detailed training plan in place on the protocol. Students (professional or otherwise, post-doctoral fellows/scholars) cannot participate as the Principal Investigator but rather as study personnel.

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