Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Office
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WHAT IS THE IACUC?

- Mandated by federal law that any institution doing animal research must have this committee
- Members include UCSD faculty members from all schools and departments using animals as well as non-affiliated members
- Oversees the University's animal care and use program
- Reviews and approves all animal research protocols
- Inspects animal facilities and laboratories
- Oversees the training and educational programs related to animal use
- Investigates animal welfare concerns
Eligibility to serve as a PI on an animal use protocol is the same as the University’s requirements for eligibility to be a PI on a grant (PPM 150-10)

An approval for an exception must be approved by the appropriate Vice Chancellor prior to eligibility to be a PI on an animal use protocol.

A fully executed copy of the PI exception form needs to be provided to the IACUC Office before the IACUC will approve the PI’s protocol.
All PIs and personnel performing research and teaching involving animals at UCSD are required to complete the on-line "Orientation to Animal Research at UCSD" class.

The IACUC will also require additional training for each individual, depending on their prior training and experience with animals.

Refresher training is required of all PIs and personnel once every three years and usually coincides with the year of our triennial AAALAC accreditation site visit.
Inter-institutional work using animals has very strict rules so please read the UCSD IACUC Inter-Institutional Policy at [http://blink.ucsd.edu/_files/sponsor-tab/iacuc/Policy%202021%20Interinstitutional.pdf](http://blink.ucsd.edu/_files/sponsor-tab/iacuc/Policy%202021%20Interinstitutional.pdf)

Animals owned by UCSD (bought with funding to a UCSD PI) may only be used/housed at AAALAC-accredited institutions, see [https://www.aaalac.org/accreditedorgsDirectorySearch/index.cfm](https://www.aaalac.org/accreditedorgsDirectorySearch/index.cfm)

Please contact our office with any questions
AAALAC SITE VISIT

- AAALAC International is a voluntary accrediting organization that enhances the quality of research, testing and education by promoting humane and responsible research animal care and use through provision of advice and independent assessments to participating institutions and accreditation of those that meet or exceed applicable standards.

- Visit every three years – Fall 2022

- AAALAC site visitors aim to:
  - Gain a good understanding of the UC San Diego animal care and use program.
  - Collect evidence of good performance
IACUC OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

- Website: [http://blink.ucsd.edu/sponsor/iacuc/](http://blink.ucsd.edu/sponsor/iacuc/)
- Email: iacuc@ucsd.edu
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- IACUC Office Director: Kristen Anderson-Vicino, kca002@ucsd.edu

All information that a new Principal Investigator (PI) needs to register and use the online IACUC system is on the website.

Online website is secured so if a PI wishes to begin working on his/her protocol prior to receiving his/her appointment, he/she will need to be sponsored by the department in order to receive an affiliate AD or SSO account.

Please contact us as soon as possible so we can help you navigate all the requirements related to performing research involving animals.
PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURF EVALUATION

We want to hear from you!