

UH IACUC Policy 45.1

Policy for Animal Use Activities with Collaborating Institutions and Organizations

Policy Statement

The intent of UH IACUC Policy 45.1 is to provide guidance and procedure for IACUC review of projects where teaching, testing or research with live vertebrate animals is conducted at non-University of Hawaii (UH) organizations (“Collaborating Organizations”) with UH resources such as staff, students, faculty, space, facilities, equipment or funds.

1. UH IACUC Policy 45.1 will be considered whenever teaching, testing or research with live vertebrate animals conducted by University of Hawaii (UH) personnel, or using UH resources, or paid for with UH funds (through an award, sub-award, contract or sub-contract) must meet all applicable regulations and University policies regarding the humane care and use of animals and is subject to review and approval by the UH IACUC. The policy is applied when animal use activities are jointly conducted in conjunction with collaborating institutions and organizations.
2. For the purpose of Policy 45.1, a *Collaborating Organization* is defined as a non-UH entity where teaching, testing or research with live vertebrate animals is conducted using UH resources such as staff, students or faculty, space, facilities, equipment or funds.
3. Any *Collaborating Organization* must provide assurance to UH that the work with live animals will be conducted under the oversight of the local IACUC. It is expected that the local animal care and use program must meet acceptable standards of humane care and use (for example, has current AAALAC *International* accreditation).
4. In the majority of cases, the UH IACUC may elect to not conduct a duplicate review of the animal work. Should this be the situation, the UH IACUC will rely upon the collaborating organization’s IACUC to provide oversight for the care and use of animals. Procedures for this review are outlined in the UH IACUC Policy 45.1 *Guidance*, part 1.3.1 *Requirements for Review of Protocols*.
5. In cases where no local IACUC exists or if the UH IACUC has concerns of appropriate oversight, the UH IACUC will decide whether it will assume responsibility for providing oversight for the animal work.

6. During the course of the project, if the UH IACUC has significant concerns about the welfare or treatment of animals at the *Collaborating Organization*, if there is evidence which jeopardizes UH status such as the loss of accreditation, citations by regulatory agencies or other such significant events, UH may require additional details from the *Collaborating Organization*, or revoke its approval of the *Authorization Ceding Agreement*.