



**Research, Teaching and Training with Animals  
or Animal Biospecimens #2370.001**

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

Research, teaching or training involving Animals or Animal biospecimens may not commence prior to the Principal Investigator's receipt of written approval or written exemption from the Florida International University IACUC. Furthermore, all required IACUC approvals must be in place before ORED will set up a new project ID, continuation or temporary release of sponsored project funds

**SCOPE**

University Community (faculty, staff and students) that conduct research, treatment or training involving animals or animal biospecimens.

**REASON FOR POLICY**

To ensure that IACUC approval or IACUC exemption is obtained for all research, teaching or training involving Animals or Animal biospecimens prior to commencement of those activities.

<b>DEFINITIONS</b>	
<b>TERM</b>	<b>DEFINITIONS</b>
ANIMAL	Vertebrates and invertebrates.
IACUC	Florida International University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
ORED	Florida International University Office of Research and Economic Development
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	Individual with overall responsibility for the use of the Animals at FIU.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Principal Investigator's Responsibilities - The Principal Investigator is responsible for ensuring that the persons using the Animals adhere to all applicable federal and state laws and all FIU policies and procedures regarding Animal activities and for monitoring the welfare of the Animals involved in their activities. Each Animal user is responsible for ensuring that his/her use of the Animals is in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and all FIU policies and procedures regarding Animal activities and for monitoring the welfare of the Animals involved in their activities. The specific guidelines and procedures for conducting activities involving Animals are detailed in the IACUC policies and procedures. The Principal Investigator shall not allow any individual to work on these activities as Co-PI or other key personnel unless and until that individual has gone through the required training and the individual has been approved by the IACUC to participate on the activity.

Principal Investigators and all persons working on the activities involving Animals should consult the IACUC policies and procedures to ensure that they are in compliance with all requirements.

### RELATED RESOURCES

- [FIU IACUC Policies and Procedures](#)
- [ORED Policy - Sponsored Award Project Set-up](#)

### CONTACTS

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**RESEARCH, TEACHING AND TRAINING WITH ANIMALS  
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**PROCEDURE STATEMENT**

The Principal Investigator must submit his/her protocol for the project involving Animals or Animal biospecimens to the University IACUC in accordance with the IACUC’s policies and procedures, prior to commencement of the project. The IACUC’s policies and procedures are posted on the ORED website on the Animal Research (IACUC) page. The link(s) to the policies are also found on the Document Details page of this policy abstract online. Those policies and procedures govern the IACUC process and conduct of activities involving Animals or their by-products from the initial protocol application through close-out of the activities. If the activities are funded, once the IACUC has approved the protocol, ORED will process the award and issue a project ID for the project or process the temporary release of sponsored project funds or the continuation, as appropriate.