



Bloomington Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IBACUC)

Statement on Collaborations

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Policy Statement

Per the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (8th edition):

Interinstitutional collaboration has the potential to create ambiguities about responsibility for animal care and use. In cases of such collaboration involving animal use (beyond animal transport), the participating institutions should have a formal written understanding (e.g., a contract, memorandum of understanding, or agreement) that addresses the responsibility for offsite animal care and use, animal ownership, and IACUC review and oversight (AAALAC 2003).

In addition, IACUCs from the participating institutions may choose to review protocols for the work being conducted.

Thus, please note:

1) Subcontracts Involving Federally Funded Animal Research or Teaching. It is Indiana University’s policy to establish formal written subcontracts when any federal funds are provided to another institution (whether or not laboratory animals are involved). IU, like other research universities and organizations, may use a federally-approved Federal Demonstration Project (“FDP”) subcontract template, or similar form, which incorporates required terms and conditions of federal funding agencies. These include the PHS and USDA requirements regarding review and approval of laboratory animal research by an IACUC. The FDP template also incorporates the requirements of other federal agencies that fund research and govern vertebrate animal research.

2) Other Collaborations. Non-FDP subawards should include a commitment by the awardee institution to meet applicable requirements for use of vertebrate animals, such as the following:

Vertebrate Animal Research

Should the institution use vertebrate animals for this project, the institution assumes responsibility for obtaining any approvals necessary to meet federal, state, or local requirements governing the use of animals in research. The institution will provide Indiana University with copies of its supporting and approved materials for vertebrate animal work conducted under this agreement, including evidence of review and approval by institution’s Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

3) Notification of Subcontracts Involving Animals. To ensure appropriate coordination and review with other institutions’ IACUCs, the Office of Grants/Contracts will provide notification to the BIACUC Manager when animal research activity is being subcontracted to another institution.

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Web Address for this Policy

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