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PI Eligibility -- Policy

Individuals serving as Principal Investigator (PI) on an Animal Care and Use Protocol (ACUP) must have sufficient authority, accountability, experience and qualifications for the purpose of accepting primary responsibility for the appropriate care and use of live vertebrate animals. PI eligibility is different than eligibility for grants and awards.

Each OSU PI who wants to use animals on or off campus must conduct all animal work in accordance with all laws, regulations, and policies governing the care and use of animals. PIs must ensure oversight of all ACUP activities; completion of all participants in required educational, safety, and training programs; and must accept responsibility for animal activity, care, and welfare decisions.

The PI for an ACUP must have a [professorial ranking](#), as defined by the OSU Office of Academic Affairs. Those faculty members may serve as PIs for activities pursued within their capacity as OSU employees. Persons with an Instructor ranking are eligible, but note that the IACUC may ask for a co-Investigator. Affiliated faculty, directly involved with graduate projects leading to a degree or directly involved in teaching OSU students, may also be eligible. Graduate students and post-doctoral trainees are not eligible. Exceptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the IACUC.

Transfer of ownership of an active ACUP is considered a significant modification that requires an amendment and approval by the IACUC. In the event that a current PI is not available to submit the amendment, a supervising Unit Head or Chair may assign a new PI (who meets the eligibility requirements stated here), and submit the amendment for review.

Non-OSU employees may serve as PIs on an ACUP, with eligibility limited by authority and accountability analogous to the definition of professorial rank, and contractual agreements that provide for IACUC review between OSU and the non-OSU entity. Exceptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the IACUC.

IACUC office acceptance of an ACUP for preliminary evaluation does not imply that the ACUP will be accepted for full review.