
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Principal Investigator / Co-PI Eligibility Policy

All faculty (tenured, tenure-track, research and clinical) and senior research scientists are automatically eligible to be a Principal Investigator on a vertebrate animal research, teaching, or testing protocol. Being a principal investigator of an IACUC-approved protocol at Purdue University comes with a distinct set of responsibilities. The PI accepts overall responsibility for directing the animal activity as well as for compliance with relevant University policies and federal regulations.

A more complete discussion of the expectations of a principal investigator at Purdue University can be found here:

https://www.purdue.edu/business/sps/preaward/menu/1.gettingstarted/pi_role/pi_expectation.html

If a principal investigator cannot oversee their project for a prolonged period of time because they are away from the activity site, it is required that they name another person listed on the protocol as a co-PI. Co-PI eligibility must also be faculty or senior research scientists. The co-PI will be responsible for day-to-day oversight and ensuring that the protocol is followed. Adjunct faculty not based on a Purdue campus, faculty on prolonged or sabbatical leave should name a co-PI before any animal use is allowed to continue on their approved protocol.