

# UTEP IACUC Corner



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"I can work all night, can I be your postdoc?"

## November 2015

### OLAW Notice of Memorandum: Simplification of the Vertebrate Animals Section of NIH Grant Applications and Contract Proposals

Release Date: October 13, 2015

Purpose: This Notice is to inform potential applicants and offerors that the requirements of the Vertebrate Animals Section (VAS) of grant applications, cooperative agreements and contract proposals has changed.

Click to view the [NOT-OD-16-006](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-006.html)

([http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-006.html?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-006.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter))

To view past notices from OLAW visit

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/notices.htm>

## Proposed Training Schedule

### AMS Training

Location: Bioscience Bldg. 2.154

Time: 1PM - 2PM

Date: 11/20/2015

Register: [iacuc@utep.edu](mailto:iacuc@utep.edu) & [veterinaryservices@utep.edu](mailto:veterinaryservices@utep.edu)

### Biosafety/Bloodborne Pathogens for new students, faculty & staff (EH&S)

Location: Liberal Arts Bldg. 106

Date: 11/18/2015

Time: 3PM – 4PM

Please register at <http://www.ehs.utep.edu/training.html>

### NEW Advanced Laboratory Safety Refresher for continuing students, faculty & staff (EH&S)

Location: Liberal Arts Bldg. 319

Date: 11/4/2015

Time: 3PM - 4PM

Please register at <http://www.ehs.utep.edu/training.html>

### General Laboratory Safety (EH&S)

Location: Bioscience Bldg. 2.168

Date: 11/4/2015 & 11/18/2015

Time: 4PM – 5PM / 2PM - 3PM

Please register at <http://www.ehs.utep.edu/training.html>

### NEW IACUC: What I Wish I Knew

Training will include how our program works, what to expect when working with animals, federal regulations to abide by, and getting to know your protocol. Register: [iacuc@utep.edu](mailto:iacuc@utep.edu) 11/13/2015 Bioscience Bld. 2.154 from 10AM-12PM

### Vivarium Orientation/Zoonotic Disease

Location: Bioscience Bldg. 2.154

Time: 9AM- 12PM

Date: 11/11/2015

Please register for the class in advance with a reply to [iacuc@utep.edu](mailto:iacuc@utep.edu) and [osanchez@utep.edu](mailto:osanchez@utep.edu) including your name, UTEP ID number, and a cc: to your faculty mentor

### Surgical Courses

Location: AM: Bioscience Bldg. 2.154, PM: Biology room 324

Didactic Seminar

Time: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Surgical Practicum

Time: 1:30PM - 4:30PM

Date: 11/18/2015 **1 SLOT LEFT** - next until **January 20, 2016**

Please register with a reply to [iacuc@utep.edu](mailto:iacuc@utep.edu) including your name, UTEP ID number, and a cc: to your faculty mentor

### NEW Handling and BioMethodology Workshop

Location: Biology room 324

Time: 12:30PM - 4:30PM

Date: 11/25/2015 **FULL CAPACITY** next until **January 27, 2016**

The handling and biomethodology workshop is implemented to teach individuals techniques such as multiple injection/blood collection sites, proper IC sticks for exsanguination, as well as perform secondary euthanasia methods such as cervical dislocation and/or thoracotomy and necropsy. Mark your calendars for this training to will be held every 4th Wednesday of each month. Limit to 4.

Register at [iacuc@utep.edu](mailto:iacuc@utep.edu)

## What's New

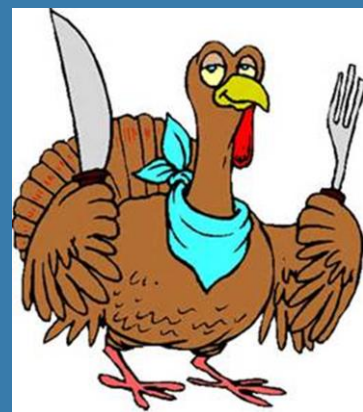
### Semi-annual Inspections

Animal Facilities and Teaching Laboratories will be inspected in January 2016.

#### How to prepare

- Know where a copy of all approved protocols are kept
- Ensure laboratory area is clean and orderly
- All chemicals, surgical items and drugs are clearly labeled with expiration dates.
- Properly dispose of all expired material/drugs.
- Breeding, Sharps, & surgical logs must be available for inspection.
- Understand UTEP policies and reporting process

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



## Next IACUC Meeting

Date: 11/20/2015

Location: Kelly Hall, Room 701

Time: 1:30PM

**Submission Deadline for Nov: 11/5/2015**

**Submission Deadline for Dec: 12/5/2015**

<http://research.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=58972>

## Dear Chester,

### What can I expect on my consultation with the AV while drafting my applications for IACUC review?

#### Great question!

First, you would want to schedule an appointment by email ([tjstottreynolds@utep.edu](mailto:tjstottreynolds@utep.edu)) or phone with the AV well in advance. Preferably, two months prior to the IACUC meeting in which you would like for your application to be considered for review. Meetings typically run from 1-2hours long and there can be more than one session if needed; sometimes it can be overwhelming when you are starting from scratch.

Be prepared by bringing a working draft of protocol/amendments/appendices – hard copy and electronic. Something to take notes with. Experimental diagrams detailing procedures to be performed on animals, and timeline/schedule for each experimental group. Investigators may have already constructed these diagrams/timelines as a part of a proposal which saves PI time! References to your own publications or those of colleagues that have used procedures successfully before can be helpful in providing justification for procedures or materials that are not necessary standard or common – especially if what is proposed falls outside of IACUC-approved policies.

Expect to focus on humane vs. experimental endpoints and the criteria that will be measured and followed. Developing a scale or index for addressing specific, potential incidents that cause pain or distress is proactive and highly encouraged. Scores can be correlated to predetermined actions that will be taken to mitigate pain and distress.

Don't forget to have a statistical analysis meeting completed prior to the consult, as animal numbers and experimental design are important to know early in the process.

Remember, protocols that fall under Pain Categories D & E are required to consult with the AV prior to submitting applications for IACUC review.

Have a question to ask Chester. Send questions, comments or suggestions to [iacuc@utep.edu](mailto:iacuc@utep.edu).

Hi Animal Users!  
Gosh, is it  
thanksgiving  
yet?

