

# University at Buffalo Institutional Animal Care and Use Program

## Policy Department of Defense (DOD) Funded Protocols

The purpose of the policy is to describe the two step/ dual approval process for protocols with DOD funding. All DOD funded animal work approved by the University at Buffalo (UB) must receive secondary approval from the DOD prior to initiation.

### **Protocol Approval**

Once UB IACUC approves the animal use protocol, it is the PI's responsibility to submit the protocol Animal Care and Use Review Office (ACURO) and other required documents. DOD funded protocols are required to have an annual IACUC review. Annual reviews are no longer required by the DOD.

For more information on ACURO protocol submission please visit the following website  
[https://mrhc.health.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research\\_protections/acuro/protocol\\_submission](https://mrhc.health.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research_protections/acuro/protocol_submission)

### **Amendment Submissions**

ACURO must review and approve significant changes/ minor modifications to animal work subject to ACURO oversight before the modifications can be implemented. Please see the ACURO change guide for more information regarding what types of changes require review and approval by ACURO.

[https://mrhc.health.mil/assets/docs/orp/acuro/ACURO\\_Protocol\\_Change\\_Guidance\\_2023.pdf](https://mrhc.health.mil/assets/docs/orp/acuro/ACURO_Protocol_Change_Guidance_2023.pdf)

**It is the PI's responsibility to submit all amendments to ACURO for secondary approval. Implementing any changes prior to receiving secondary ACURO approval notice is considered a noncompliance with the grant stipulations.**

### **Reporting a Noncompliance, Significant Deficiencies, Adverse Event, Change in AAALAC Accreditation or a Socially sensitive Matter for DOD Funded Protocols**

1. The IACUC will report a noncompliance, significant deficiency, or adverse event within 5 business days.
2. If the USDA notifies UB that they are under investigation, the University will submit an initial report within 5 business days.
3. If AAALAC International accreditation has change ACURO will be notified within 5 business days.
4. Notification of FOIA request or other socially sensitive matters will be reported to ACURO within 5 business days.

Preliminary reporting can be done over the telephone (301)-691-6694. All email notifications must be sent to [usarmy.detrick.medcomusamrmc.other.acuro@health.mil](mailto:usarmy.detrick.medcomusamrmc.other.acuro@health.mil) and have in the subject line "ADVERSE/ REPORTABLE EVENTS".

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