

Title: **Review of Inter-Institutional Animal Projects**

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**Purpose and Scope:**

Because of the IACUC’s responsibilities to animal well-being and to instructors and researchers using animals, this policy outlines the appropriate form(s) to submit to the MSU-IACUC before beginning or continuing any project using regulated animals at Mississippi State University (MSU) or in collaboration with another institution.

**Definition(s):**

“Mississippi State University” in this policy applies to all campuses, experiment stations, wildlife areas, and any area where animals used in teaching, testing, or research are maintained.

**Policy/Procedure:**

1. If a new faculty member brings a project to MSU from another institution and that project is approved by the other institution’s IACUC and the animals remain at that institution, the investigator must submit a copy of the approved protocol and the approval letter to the MSU-IACUC before the faculty member’s participation can continue.
2. If a new faculty member brings a project to MSU from another institution and that project is approved by the other institution’s IACUC and all or part of the animal population moves to or is acquired by MSU, then the project must be submitted via the protocol submission system and approved by the MSU-IACUC prior to animals arrival at MSU.
3. If a MSU faculty member is a co-investigator with personnel from other institutions (including the U.S. Government) and all animal work is performed at the other institution(s), then a copy of the approved protocol from the other institution and the approval letter must be submitted to the MSU-IACUC before initiation of the MSU faculty involvement with the study.
4. In all other circumstances or scenarios, the MSU investigator must submit a protocol via the protocol submission system for approval before animal use can begin.
5. When there are inter-institutional collaborations, a written agreement will exist among all collaborative institutions, including MSU, to define: 1) respective responsibilities, 2) animal ownership, and 3) IACUC review and oversight.

**Reviewed:**

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IACUC Chairperson

Date

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Executive Director, Research Administration

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