



University of Michigan Charge to the Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee

The Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) is appointed by the Institutional Official (IO), a duty delegated by the President. The Committee is qualified through the experience and expertise of its members to advise, monitor, inspect, and oversee the University of Michigan (U-M) animal care program, facilities, and procedures.

The Committee consists of members serving rotating three-year terms. These members shall be representative of animal users, with not more than three coming from a single University department. The Committee must include one member whose primary focus is of a non-science basis at U-M. There must also be at least one member from the community who is not otherwise affiliated personally or through his or her immediate family with U-M. The Attending Veterinarian and the IACUC Manager serve *ex officio*. The Institutional Official appoints the Chair and Vice Chair. The Deputy Institutional Official is responsible for operational oversight of the animal care and use program and attends the meetings as liaison to the Committee for the Institutional Official. The Director of Occupational Safety and Environmental Health (OSEH) is responsible for the occupational health and safety program, including that related to animal care and use, and also serves as liaison to the Committee. The Animal Care & Use Office staff provide administrative support for the IACUC.

In accordance with the regulations, the role of the Committee includes, but is not limited to:

1. Advising the Institutional Official and the Deputy Institutional Official on any matter relating to the use and care of animals including programs, facilities, and personnel training.
2. Reviewing the University program for humane care and use of animals and inspecting the University facilities in accordance with the *Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Animals* (PHS Policy), the regulations of the Federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA), and University Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Vertebrate Animals as Subjects in Research or Instruction (U-M Policy).
3. Reviewing and either requiring modifications to secure approval, approving, or disapproving applications, or significant changes to previously approved applications, to use vertebrate animals in research, training, or testing, in accordance with PHS Policy, AWA regulations, and U-M Policy.
4. Suspending an inappropriate activity, or approved applications to use vertebrate animals, involving animals in accordance with PHS Policy, AWA regulations, and U-M Policy.
5. Reviewing incidences and concerns involving the care and use of laboratory animals at U-M.
6. Preparing reports of IACUC evaluations and actions in accordance with PHS Policy, AWA regulations, and U-M Policy.