

WVU IACUC Policy:

Training Requirements for Visiting Faculty and Students

Purpose

West Virginia University is committed to observing federal policies, regulations and the AAALAC International standards for the humane care and use of animals.

Background

According to the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*:

“Each institution must establish and maintain an occupational health and safety program (OHSP) as an essential part of the overall Program of animal care and use (CFR 1984a,b,c; DHHS 2009; PHS 2002).”

“The institution should provide appropriate education and training to members of research teams – including principal investigators, study directors, research technicians, postdoctoral fellows, students, and visiting scientists – to ensure that they have the necessary knowledge and expertise for the specific animal procedures proposed and the species used.”

Policy

1. In general, visiting faculty and students can expect to be assigned identical training as required for WVU faculty and students related to their animal use activity.
2. The Office of Animal Welfare (OAW) in consultation with the Office of Laboratory Animal Resources (OLAR), Environmental Health and Safety (EHS), and Occupational Medicine may increase or decrease training requirements based on an evaluation of activities the individual will be participating in, previous training (*with provided documentation*), and other considerations.

References

1. [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#), National Research Council, 2011.
2. [Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations](#), United States Department of Agriculture, 2017.
3. [AAALAC Accreditation Program FAQs](#)