

UM PROGRAM FOR UCUCA REVIEW OF EXCEPTIONS TO REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND NATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS

According to the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, the University Committee on Use and Care of Animals (UCUCA) is charged with responsibility to oversee and evaluate the University's animal program, procedures, and facilities to ensure they are consistent with the recommendations in the *Guide*, the regulations of the Animal Welfare Act, and the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. The regulations of the Animal Welfare Act specifically state that the UCUCA must require that exceptions to the standards and regulations be specified and explained by the principal investigator, approved by the UCUCA, and reported to the United States Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the "Annual Report of Research Facility."

To comply with this mandate, the UCUCA requires that requests for exception to regulations, policies, and nationally accepted standards be reviewed and approved by the UCUCA (see UM Program for Reviewing the Housing of Different Species in the Same Room for exclusions). The need for an exception may be identified during review of a new, renewal, or modified Animal Use Application, or during the course of animal care or use after the application has been approved and initiated.