



Research Compliance Information

### About IACUC

Florida Atlantic University’s Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has been established in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act and Public Health Service Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Animals. The committee is composed of individuals dedicated to the humane care of animals used in research and teaching, and provides oversight and assistance in ensuring compliance to all laws, regulations, and policies governing the care and use of research and teaching animals. FAU’s IACUC is composed of scientists, non-scientists, veterinarians and community members who are appointed by the Vice President for Research, the Institutional Official responsible for the animal care and use program. FAU’s animal care and use program is regulated by both the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Public Health Service. University faculty, staff, and students using animals in research, teaching or display must have IACUC approval to do so.

### About IRB

Florida Atlantic University’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a federally mandated committee that oversees the ethical conduct of human subjects’ research at an institution. Florida Atlantic University’s IRB serves an important role in the protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research. The IRB reviews and approves protocols for research involving humans and ensures that appropriate steps are taken to protect their rights and welfare. FAU’s IRB is comprised of faculty members representing a variety of backgrounds, training and experience, as well as community members who are appointed by the Vice President for Research, the Institutional Official.

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<b>Include but are not limited to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rodents (mice, rats)</li> <li>• Marine Mammals</li> <li>• Sharks</li> <li>• Fish</li> <li>• Birds</li> <li>• Non-human primates</li> <li>• Turtles and Tortoises</li> <li>• Rabbits</li> </ul>	<b>Subjects that do not need IACUC approval include but are not limited to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amoebas</li> <li>• Clams</li> <li>• Drosophila melanogaster (fruit fly)</li> <li>• In vitro cell preparations using established cell lines</li> <li>• Insects, worms, jellyfish, starfish</li> </ul>	<b>Human subjects’ research can take many forms. Some examples include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviews</li> <li>• Surveys</li> <li>• Focus groups</li> <li>• Medical chart reviews</li> <li>• Participant observation studies</li> <li>• Data and tissue banks</li> <li>• Clinical or exercise studies</li> </ul>

If your research meets the following two definitions then you are involved in research with human subjects: "Research" means a systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. "Human subject" means a living individual about whom an investigator conducting research obtains: 1.) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or 2.) identifiable private information.

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