Information about IACUC Orientation Training

Registering and obtaining IACUC Training is a mandatory requirement for any individual needing to be listed on an approved IACUC animal use protocol whose job description requires them to work with animals. This includes the Principal Investigator that administers the research studies, as well as, all research staff personnel that will handle animals in support of these studies. The Animal Handler Certification, gained as the result of successfully completing all the IACUC training requirements, is valid for three years from the date that the training was completed. Triennial retraining is mandated for those individuals working with animals beyond the three-year anniversary of either the previous Orientation session or the completion of online retraining. Two types of trainees exist at the University:

- New Researchers – individuals that are either new to the University or new to research.
- Retrainees – those researchers that have previously attended IACUC Orientation at an earlier date, and have been working on an approved protocol for the past three years, and need to renew their animal Handler Certification to continue working with animals. The IACUC Office performs monthly personnel training audits to identify those individuals whose Animal Handler Certification is nearing expiration. The IACUC Office will contact all those affected by nearing expiration dates by email with instructions for how to renew their retraining requirements by completing a set of online modules.