



POLICY

TITLE:	Nonaffiliated IACUC Members
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Responsible Department:	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
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Legislation:	Animal Welfare Act (Title 9 CFR Subchapter A, Part 2, Subpart C, § 2.31(b)(3)(ii))

Purpose of Policy: To ensure that general community interests are represented regarding the proper care and treatment of animals used in teaching and research and that membership on the IACUC complies with federal regulations set forth in the [Animal Welfare Act](#), the current edition of the [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#) and with [Public Health Service Policy](#) IV,A,3,b,4.

Policy Information: The purpose of having nonaffiliated members of the community serve on the IACUC is to enhance the public's trust and confidence that the use of all animals in research and teaching is justifiable and is performed in as humane a manner as possible. Nonaffiliated members are considered equal to any other member of the IACUC and have equal opportunity to participate and vote in all aspects of IACUC functions including protocol and program review and semiannual facility inspections. In accordance with the regulations and policies cited above, nonaffiliated members may not be 1) a current, recent or retired employee of any division or unit of the University, including adjunct employees; 2) a primary family member (grandparent, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, spouse) of any of the above or 3) a current laboratory animal user at any research facility (USDA Animal Care Policy #15) either directly or through consulting or similar services.

Per the USDA policy cited above, nonaffiliated members may not receive monetary compensation in an amount that would constitute a significant source of income or that would influence their voting. They will, however, receive free parking and meals.