Policy # SI-04-2010

Title: Students Registered in Classes or Programs Described in Protocols

Policy: Students who are enrolled in a University of Connecticut (UConn) class or registered in a UConn-recognized* program that is described in an approved animal protocol, may work with live animals under direct supervision under the protocol and do not have to be individually listed on that protocol. This circumstance only applies when the class or program enrollment is >1, and is appropriate for a single semester at a time (to coincide with the course term). When animal work will be conducted as part of a UConn class or UConn-recognized program, students will not be individually listed on the protocol (“Unlisted Students”) and formal IACUC classroom training and enrollment in the animal handler’s program is NOT required. Instead, the PI is responsible for training and supervision of all Unlisted Students working on their protocol. Signed documentation must be obtained for each Unlisted Student to confirm they have received training in the following topics: Basic overview of statutes, regulations and policies that relate to the protection of animals used in research and teaching, what the IACUC is and does, basic overview of the protocol review process, rationale for using animals, ethical considerations, validity and choice of species, handling of the species, Workplace Hazards, relevant Occupational Health and Safety Issues: allergies, bites, risks to immunocompromised or pregnant individuals, security issues, and important resources and contact numbers. In addition, the expectation is that enrollment and participation in the course will provide Unlisted Students with supervised, hands-on, species-specific, animal handling sessions with trained personnel involved with the protocol. When vivarium access is a necessary component of the coursework, the PI must identify to ACS the Unlisted Students who are to be given access. These Unlisted Students must complete the vivarium orientation training offered by ACS staff; after completing the orientation their vivarium access will be limited to normal business hours. Contact ACS Vet Staff to arrange for this training: acstraining@uconn.edu.

*High School Mentorship Program, Research Experience for Undergraduates, McNair Scholars, Practicums, clubs, teams, etc.