I. Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to ensure all biological research activities in University of Connecticut facilities are supervised during an extended absence of the Principal Investigator.

II. Scope
This policy applies to anyone assigned the role of Principal Investigator (PI) or Project Director (PD).

III. Policy Statement
A PI/PD must designate a Responsible Investigator (RI) to oversee research projects when they will be on sabbatical or other leave of greater than one month.

IV. Enforcement
The IBC will not allow research projects assigned to BSL2/BL2 (Biological Safety Level 2) to remain active when Principal Investigators (PI) go on sabbatical or a leave of greater than one month, without the assignment of a RI to oversee the research. Violations of this policy (or program or procedure) may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University Laws and By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and the University of Connecticut Student Conduct Code.

V. Responsibilities
- The PI must submit an amendment to the IBC identifying the RI.
- The RI will have the same authority and responsibilities as the PI for the health and safety of the laboratory personnel and the administration and conduct of BSL2 activities.

VI. Procedures/Forms
Follow this link to the IBC Registration Amendment Form