

University of Louisville
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
Policies and Procedures

**Policy on Housing Rodents in Investigator
Laboratories**

Housing rodents in an investigator's laboratory overnight requires IACUC approval. Requests to house animals in a laboratory overnight must be stated in a letter addressed to the IACUC. The letter must include scientific justification for such housing. An animal husbandry protocol form must be completed and submitted with the proposal for approval by the Director, Research Resources Center, before a request to house animals in a laboratory overnight will be considered by the IACUC. The approved animal care protocol must be posted or otherwise available for easy reference in the investigator's laboratory. Investigator laboratories may be inspected by RRF veterinary staff prior to approval of an overnight housing request.