

Annual UCAW Animal Welfare Award

The UCAW Animal Welfare Award recognizes research laboratories, centers, cores, and personnel for demonstration of an exemplary collaborative working relationship with the veterinary team and UCAW to continually improve and promote the best animal welfare and science.

Criteria include but is not limited to:

- adherence to federal animal welfare regulations
- adherence to UCAW policies
- consistency in securing UCAW approval for modifications of research proposals prior to implementing changes in practice
- willingness to be in alignment with evolving recommendations and regulations (best practices in veterinary medicine; language from the *Guide*, AVMA or AAALAC International position statements) based on Committee feedback, UCAW *Proposal* stipulations during review
- excellent post-operative care of animals
- consistent environmental enrichment provisions for animals
- excellent record keeping and documentation of the provision of UCAW approved anesthesia and analgesia
- excellent semi-annual inspection findings
- responsiveness to the veterinary team and UCAW
- collegiality and a good working relationship with CMRU animal care staff, veterinary faculty and staff, UCAW office staff and UCAW members
- instances of non-compliance and adverse events are recognized by the Principal Investigator and self-reported to the IACUC in a timely manner

Nominations

IACUC members will make nominations annually in November. The full Committee will vote to determine the final award recipient(s) in January.

Awarding Information

The award winner(s) will receive a plaque recognizing their commitment to animal welfare and a \$500 monetary award to support the laboratory, center, or core.