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The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) ensures that research conducted at UTC is in compliance with university, state, and federal regulations. Specifically, ORI oversees administration of the Institutional Review Board (IRB), the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Export Control, and Research Misconduct. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)

IRB CHAIR: DR. AMY DOOLITTLE (423) 425-5563 amy-doolittle@utc.edu

The UTC Institutional Review Board monitors all research undertaken by UTC affiliates (faculty, staff, and students) to ensure that human subjects are protected from undue risk and from deprivation of personal rights and dignity.

All researchers utilizing human subjects must obtain an approved IRB application *prior* to beginning any research activities. Average approval times range from 2-3 days (exempt) to 5-10 days (Expedited). If the project incorporates more than minimal risk to participants, a Full Board Review will be required.

All applications and correspondence is undertaken electronically via email (instrb@utc.edu).

The IRB policy, application forms, and guidance can be found at the IRB website: www.utc.edu/irb

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC)

IACUC CHAIR: DR. ETHAN CARVER (423) 425-4315 ETHAN-CARVER@UTC.EDU

The IACUC oversees all research undertaken by UTC affiliates (faculty, staff and students) involving animals and ensures compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and policies.

An approved IACUC protocol must be obtained *prior* to the beginning of research activities.

The IACUC meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. All protocol applications are reviewed by the entire committee at this meeting. In order to have your protocol reviewed, it must be submitted at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled meeting.

All applications and correspondence is undertaken electronically via email (iacucpro@utc.edu).

The IACUC bylaws, FAQs, and application forms may be downloaded at the IACUC website: www.utc.edu/iacuc

EXPORT CONTROL

Certain federal regulations may require the university to obtain permission from the Department of State or the Department of Commerce before allowing foreign nationals to participate in research involving specific technologies or before sharing research information (written or verbal communication) with persons who are not citizens of the United States or permanent resident aliens. This applies to faculty, staff, and students. Also, some federal agencies prohibit the participation of foreign nationals. Please visit the ORI website for additional materials that will enable you to determine if your program is subject to export control laws.

<http://www.utc.edu/research-integrity/export-control.php>

MISCONDUCT IN RESEARCH

ORI provides many education resources to keep you aware of the current federal, state, and university regulations governing research. We provide workshops throughout the year on various relevant topics, as well as providing a wealth of information on our website. UTC maintains a Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) membership which provides high quality online training courses in IRB, IACUC, Responsible Conduct of Research, Export Control, and other relevant topics. These courses are offered free to our campus.

<http://www.utc.edu/research-integrity/research-misconduct/index.php>