University Policy Profile

Policy Title: Responsible Investigator
Policy Author: Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
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Policy Applies To: University Research Community
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Policy Description: Responsible Investigator During Extended Absence by the Principal Investigator
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RESPONSIBLE INVESTIGATOR

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure all biological research activities in University of Connecticut facilities are supervised with oversight by IBC.

II. Scope

This policy applies to academic departments at the Storrs and regional campuses.

III. Description of Requirements

1. The University is prohibited from conducting BSL4/BL4 (Biological Safety Level 4) research or knowingly possessing BSL4/BL4 agents. The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) will not allow BSL2/BL2 (Biological Safety Level 2) or BSL3/BL3 (Biological Safety Level 3) research projects to remain active when Principal Investigators (PI) go on sabbatical or extended leave of greater than one month, unless the PI assigns/designates a Responsible Investigator (RI) to oversee the research.

2. 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 and/or BSL3 activities.

3. The BAUR form should reflect the appointment and/or necessary contact information for the RI.