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

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