IACUC Standard Operating Procedure

Subject: Principal Investigator Status for Projects Involving the Use of Vertebrate Animals

Background: Cornell’s Policy 1.4 (Care and Use of Animals in Research and Teaching) states that the Principal Investigator “is the individual with primary responsibility for a project that includes the design and implementation of research or teaching involving animals.” That Policy makes reference to the Sponsored Programs Services definition of Principal Investigator which states that

“The policy of Cornell University is that only full-time faculty members may routinely serve as Principal Investigators or Project Directors on sponsored programs. Certain other titles are allowed to serve as Principal Investigators as described under Special Condition below…Full-time members of the faculty, for purposes of this policy, include the following titles:

Professor
Associate Professor
Assistant Professor
University Professor
Senior Scientist
Senior Scholar
Research Scientist
Principal Research Scientist”  

Policy: In addition to full-time members of the faculty as listed above, the IACUC will consider individuals with the following title to be eligible to be the Principal Investigator on an animal care and use protocol:

Lecturer,
Senior Lecturer and
Senior Extension Associate

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1 http://sps.cornell.edu/preview/Policies_and_Procedures.cfm/PI-policy.html