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To all current IACUC protocol PI's and Department Chairs:

We're pleased to announce a change in procedures for the submission of IACUC protocols under certain circumstances. Currently, a separate animal care and use protocol is required for each grant application, involving animals, submitted to an external funding source. That one-to-one match will no longer be necessary. Going forward, an amendment may be submitted to incorporate a new funding source into an existing animal care and use protocol.

After much consideration, discussions with faculty, review of other institution's procedures, and examination of associated compliance issues, it was determined that it was unnecessary to require the submission of a separate animal care and use protocol for each proposal submitted to an external sponsor. While it is expected that the impact on the IACUC will be neutral, it is anticipated that this will have a positive impact on principal investigators.

As always, should the IACUC determine that an amendment request would so significantly change the scope of a project that it no longer corresponds to the original protocol, the IACUC may, at any time, request a new protocol.

Beginning immediately RPO will accept amendment requests that contain grant applications, in lieu of a submitting a new protocol, if determined by the PI to be an appropriate submission on a particular protocol.

To supplement this new procedure and assist in the submission of all amendments, [amendment submission guidance](#) has been developed. Along with the guidance, a new [optional form](#) has been developed to assist investigators in their development of amendment requests. While the form itself is optional, the information requested on the form is required in order to have a complete amendment submission for IACUC review.

If you have any questions regarding this change in procedure, please contact Ardiane Humolli (x36303; [ardiane\\_humolli@brown.edu](mailto:ardiane_humolli@brown.edu)) or Dorinda Williams (x31803; [dorinda\\_williams@brown.edu](mailto:dorinda_williams@brown.edu).)

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