

Attending Veterinarian and Director of Animal Resources
Thomas Jefferson University & Jefferson Health
Philadelphia, PA

Responsibilities

Directs the centralized animal care and use program and facilities at Thomas Jefferson University. Serves as attending veterinarian for the university fulfilling the legal and regulatory requirements of that position. This includes serving as a member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and advising the Institutional Official as required. Provides professional expertise and advice to investigators and others on matters related to the use of laboratory animals in biomedical research. May participate or collaborate on research projects.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Interacts with co-workers, visitors, and other staff consistent with the values of Jefferson.
- Directs and oversees the management of the centralized animal research facilities. Directly supervises the professional staff including a facility manager, clinical veterinarian and business manager. Indirectly oversees other supervisors, veterinary technicians, office staff, IACUC coordinator and unionized animal care staff. Responsible for the budget and administrative functioning of the Office of Animal Resources.
- Provides professional oversight and direction for the program of humane care of research animals. This includes providing expertise and advice on institutional policies and responsibilities, animal environment, housing and management, veterinary medical care, and physical plant. Provides expertise on facility design, new research methods and other developments in laboratory animal science. Serve as PI on grant opportunities for facility enhancements.
- Insures that the animal care and use program is compliant with federal, state and local regulations and standards including the Animal Welfare Act, PHS Policy, and the ILAR Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. Maintains standards required for accreditation by AAALAC-I.
- Serves as attending veterinarian for the institution and provides adequate veterinary care as defined by paragraph 2.33 of the Animal Welfare Act regulations. Insures that institution maintains a current Animal Welfare Assurance as required by the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.
- Responsible for health and safety in the animal research facility. Serves on pertinent safety committees. Contributes to the occupational health and safety program that is part of the overall animal care and use program. Collaborates with occupational health and safety specialists including university physicians of Jefferson Occupational Health Network and staff of the Environmental Health and Safety Department to insure a safe working environment.
- Directs the centralized administrative office of animal resources. Functions of the office include ordering of all research animals, animal supplies, and maintaining computerized databases of animal census and cage cards. Provides advice to the IACUC central office. Collaborates with and provides advice to the IACUC Regulatory Affairs Manager.

Qualifications

EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

- DVM or VMD

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, AND REGISTRATION:

- ACLAM certification

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- At least five years experience in laboratory and medicine and research
- Prefer supervisory and facility management experience

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