

Freimann Life Science Center Space Assignment Policy

Purpose

This policy applies to animals housed at both the Freimann Life Science Center (FLSC) and the Raclin-Carmichael Hall (RCH) animal facilities. All reasonable efforts will be made to meet the space needs of investigators. All requests will be assessed without jeopardizing accreditation standards or the health and well-being of animals. Users who have compatible species and compatible protocols may be required to share rooms.

Principles Applied for Setting Priority of Vivarium Space

1. All room assignments are temporary. Rooms are not assigned to specific researchers.
2. Space assignment is made by the Director of the FLSC. Any activities or equipment that does not meet regulatory agency standards will cease and/or be removed. Failure to rectify identified problems within a reasonable timeframe may result in the submission of a non-compliance complaint to the IACUC with possible reporting to the PHS OLAW office.
3. Animals must be housed in designated animal holding facilities and may not be kept outside these areas for more than 12 hours or overnight without written approval from the IACUC.
4. Some space must be available for unsponsored research.
5. Investigators are encouraged to notify the FLSC of anticipated needs as far in advance as possible.
6. Assignment of space will be made only when a well-defined need is presented and which is feasible given the current available space. An approved IACUC protocol for the research is needed. All users of the space must be listed on the protocol and meet all training requirements.
7. Investigators are responsible for storage of their procedural equipment (including specialized caging) when it is not in use. Administrative fees may be charged for equipment left in a room that is no longer housing animals.
8. Investigators who are faculty of the Indiana University School of Medicine South Bend will receive identical priority consideration to those who are University of Notre Dame faculty.

Priority of Room Assignments (highest to lowest)

Space will be assigned by the Director of the FLSC using the previously described principles. Circumstantial exceptions can be made by appeal to the Director of FLSC.

1. Sponsored Research (Peer reviewed competitive research from major federal agencies, e.g., NIH, USDA, FDA, CDC, DOD, and other grants and contracts, e.g., industry, foundation, earmarks)
 - a. With indirect cost recovery
 - b. Without indirect cost recovery
2. University (UND or IUSM SB) Sponsored Research
 - a. Interdisciplinary projects with anticipated outcomes of publications and/or grant applications
 - b. Undergraduate teaching
 - c. Unsponsored individual investigators with anticipated outcomes of publications and/or grant applications
 - d. Graduate student research
 - e. Undergraduate student research
3. Non-live animal research procedures (e.g., necropsy)
4. Non-research uses (e.g., storage of equipment, samples, reagents) This refers to such uses other than that required by the FLSC to provide husbandry and management of the vivarium.