

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MERIT REVIEW AT THE INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL

The purpose of the review is to assess scientific merit of a research proposal before proceeding with other levels of review. All research which requires the use of experimental animals should be reviewed for scientific merit, significance, and appropriate facilities. Proposals that are sponsored by departments and companies which will not undergo peer review will be reviewed by the Dean's Research Advisory Committee (DRAC). The DRAC recommendation as to scientific merit **will be forwarded to the University Committee on Animal Resources (UCAR).**

Applicants must be full-time faculty with a primary appointment in the School of Medicine and Dentistry or supervisees of the faculty.

The originality of the research objectives and the significance of the research are the two most important issues to be addressed. Details regarding the methods to be used and/or a comprehensive review of the background of the research are not necessary.

Proposals approved for scientific merit—UCAR will conduct their review as it applies to animal use using the forms required for that purpose.

Proposals not approved for scientific merit—there is the opportunity for revision and resubmission.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

The **electronic version** of the proposal should be submitted to:

Dean's Research Advisory Committee
mailto: Nicole_Beaumont@urmc.rochester.edu

Application for Merit Review of Sponsored Research

Principal Investigator: _____

Department: _____

Address: _____

Title of Proposal: _____

RESEARCH PLAN

(Not to exceed three [3] pages)

- Please include:
1. Specific Aims (Objectives)
 2. Rationale (Background)
 3. Summary of Methods of Procedure
 4. Significance of the Research