## **VERTEBRATE ANIMALS**

Some of the 31 primary mentors for this proposed training program currently conduct IACUC-approved animal research. It is fully anticipated that many trainees admitted to this program will participate in some aspect of ongoing approved animal research. However, to provide a detailed plan for vertebrate animal protection at this time is premature. Because this is an institutional training program application, we have no way of predicting trainee involvement in specific animal studies. If the training program is funded, we will submit IACUC-approved plans for the protection of animals per research protocol as trainees select mentors. This requirement will be met prior to any trainee participation in animal research.

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