INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE (IBC)

Purpose:
Ensures the safety of all faculty, staff, student, visitors, and community neighbors to work, meet, and live in an environment free of undue biosafety risks to their health

Charge:
See Bylaws at https://inside.nku.edu/rgc/research-compliance/ibc.html

- Provide oversight for university instructional and research activities involving recombinant DNA, culturing of microorganisms, agents infectious to plants, humans, and animals, human gene therapy, cultures of tissues, organs, and cells of human origin, and Select Agents as defined by U.S. federal agencies.
- Serve as the Institutional Biosafety Committee as defined by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Administers policies and procedures mandated by the document “NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules” and by NKU policies

Membership:
- At least 6 members that are collectively capable of assessing the risks to the public or the environment of those activities described above
- Chair/Biological Safety Officer (BSO), who must be a full-time faculty member of NKU
- One (1) member from the NKU Safety and Emergency Management
- At least one (1) member representing laboratory technical staff
- At least two (2) members of the general public unaffiliated with the university
- At least one (1) NKU faculty member, other than the BSO
- At least one (1) scientist expert in plant, plant pathogen, or plant pest containment principles with full voting privileges when experiments utilizing plants are under review
• At least one (1) scientist expert in animal containment principles is on the committee with full voting privileges when experiments utilizing animals are under review
• Ad hoc temporary members to assist in the review of pending applications

Membership Appointment:
Appointed by the NKU Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Research and Outreach with recommendation from IBC Chair

Membership Terms:
Three (3)-year terms appointed by the NKU Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Research and Outreach, with renewal at the recommendation of the IBC Chair

Frequency of Meetings: Annually

Expected Lifespan: Ongoing

Reporting Requirements:
The IBC operation is managed by the Office of Research, Grants, and Contracts (RGC), and ultimately is the responsibility of the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies. The IBC review process is intended to function independently by federal regulation.

Operating Procedures:
Policies and procedures can be located at https://inside.nku.edu/rgc/research-compliance/ibc/policies-and-procedures-.html.

Relationship to Other Committees: N/A

Typical Date of Membership Turnover: Varies
**Responsible Office:** Vice Provost for Graduate Education & Research

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**Website:** [https://inside.nku.edu/rgc/research-compliance/ibc.html](https://inside.nku.edu/rgc/research-compliance/ibc.html)

**Membership Roster (2019-20)**

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