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This describes the project submission process and sets forth two pathways for the IACUC review process and criteria for approval. This procedure applies specifically to research conducted at locations other than Highlands Biological Station. For research at Highlands Biological Station, please see SOP # 107.

Initiation of research,

2. Each IACUC member is provided access to all submitted documents. All members should review the package in enough depth to be able to discuss the project at the meeting.
3. The primary reviewer briefly summarizes the project and identifies any initial items for discussion.
4. All IACUC members have the opportunity to discuss each project on the agenda. The board discusses issues related to the approval criteria. The committee also evaluates any additional protocol-specific criteria.
5. The IACUC determines the approval period. By default, projects will be approved for a 3-year period, after which a new proposal must be submitted. However, the IACUC reserves the right to require continuing review on an annual basis within the 3-year period. If required, the approval letter will include information on continuing review.
6. After all issues have been discussed, an IACUC member motions to vote on one of the four review outcomes listed below. Each IACUC member casts one of the following votes – yes, no, or abste