



Has this project been peer reviewed for scientific merit through a research granting agency? If *not*, this **Scientific Merit Review Request Form** must be completed by **AUP Holders** involved in basic or applied research in order to provide scientific merit reviewers with details associated with your proposed project or program specific to its probable scientific value.

Please forward the completed form to the associated Department / Research Institute **at least one month in advance** of the related AUP submission to the Animal Care Committee (ACC).

Note: External peer reviews may take some time to obtain; allow for sufficient time between your submission and your proposed start date AUP review **cannot** be undertaken until the project is found to have scientific merit, as per POL-013.

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1. **AUP Holder Name** –
 2. **Organization/Department Affiliation(s)** –
 3. **Animal Use Protocol associated with this project/program**, as available –
 4. **Project Title** –

 5. **Research Objectives** –

 6. **Research Hypothesis** –

 7. **Methodological Approach** –

 8. **Potential contributions of the project to scientific knowledge** –

 9. **OR**, in situations where funding has not been awarded yet the grant proposal received scientific review and the animal-based scientist wishes the review to be considered as evidence of scientific merit for the related project, the animal-based scientist must submit the corresponding documentation with the AUP form.

I request that the attached funding agency rating outline from be considered in lieu of a secondary scientific merit review.