

## Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)

As mandated by the NIH Guidelines, the Institutional Biosafety Committee is responsible for assessing the biosafety containment level for research involving recombinant DNA and synthetic nucleic acid molecules. The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) also oversees research with other potentially hazardous biologics.

A majority of submissions to the IBC do not require full committee review and are submitted as a notification to the Chair and Biosafety Officer for review.

The annual meeting was in August 2018.

The Committee is in the process of revising the application form and have discussed implementing a more centralized process that would be managed by the Office of Research Compliance.

### Committee Membership

The committee is made up of three UMaine faculty from various disciplines, one of which serves as the chair of the committee. Also includes the UMaine Biosafety Officer and three outside members not affiliated with UMaine.