



Academic Institution Facing Loss of Accreditation

Background

The success of an institution's research program relies greatly on its reputation and ability to access funding or recruit and retain the world's top investigators. Accreditation can play a role with all of these factors, and having compliance failures can ultimately lead to the downfall of any research. So when a leading top-25, NIH-funded academic medical institution was at risk of falling out of compliance (AAALAC, USDA, IACUC, etc.) and in jeopardy of losing their accreditation, they needed to react quickly and implement a complete program overhaul.

Challenge

The challenges were time and resources. If the institution didn't make changes quickly, they would potentially start losing their top researchers to other institutions. They desperately needed a total program rescue that included a full-scale consultation, recommendations, and implementation strategy. It had to be conducted quickly, efficiently, and within the scope of the institution's needs.

Solution

Following the consultation, Charles River presented a flexible staffing model that would start small by addressing critical functions, but was flexible enough to grow and fill gaps as the institution's research programs matured. We were able to evaluate, provide recommendations, and implement changes in just under two months. The institution came back online quickly, jumpstarting their research program and eventually establishing themselves as a world-class facility.

Benefits | Highlights

Charles River Insourcing SolutionsSM grew to become a true extension of the institution's program by managing their day-to-day vivarium activities while the institution grew into a best-in-class accredited research program that was continually sought after by highly talented researchers worldwide.

Highlights:

- **Program tenure/size:** This program has been in place for over 20 years and staffing support has grown by over 700% since its initiation.
- **Annualized savings:** By using an outsourced staffing and support model, this institution saved 10% after the first full year of the program.
- **Value:** The institution was able to recognize value in a number of areas. Researchers had access to highly qualified staff that had the capability to meet their expanding study requirements while managers were relieved of all non-core activities such as cage washing and basic animal husbandry support, allowing them to focus more on research functions such as program and study coordination.