Youth in Laboratories

Acknowledgment of Youth Protection Policy and Departmental Approval

Principal Investigator (PI) supervising the minor(s):

Date(s):

Location (building and room):

Number of minors:

Please describe the specific experiments, activities, processes, etc. that the minor(s) will participate in. Include a list of materials and equipment to be used:

Health & Safety Requirements

Please acknowledge that the following health & safety requirements will be adhered to in the laboratory:

- Minors in laboratories will be monitored and always supervised by the PI or designated Program Staff.
- Minors in laboratories will be provided with information regarding the specific hazards present in the laboratory and the associated safety precautions.
- Minors in laboratories will receive training provided by the Laboratory Safety Program prior to beginning any work in the laboratory. Task-specific hands-on training will be provided by the PI, Lab manager, or designee prior to beginning any work in the laboratory.
- Minors in laboratories will be provided with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) specific to the experiment or activity performed.
- Minors in laboratories will not be allowed to work with hazardous equipment (laser cutters, drill press, lathes etc.), participate in any experiment or activity that requires the use of a respirator, or participate in activities that pose major physical hazards.
- Minors in laboratories may handle lower risk chemicals (those not considered particularly hazardous or high risk) in limited circumstances, with proper safety equipment as necessary, at the discretion of the PI. The minor(s) will not be allowed to handle carcinogens, reproductive toxins (teratogens or mutagens), controlled substances/chemical precursors, or acutely toxic chemicals.
- Minors in laboratories will not participate in experiments or activity that use biohazardous materials above Biosafety Level 1. If minors must engage in work with these materials, further approval will be required from the Biosafety Officer.
- Minors in laboratories will not work with radioactive materials, or directly operate X-ray generating equipment, and will not be permitted in areas that use class 3b and 4 lasers. If minor(s) must engage in work with these materials, further approval will be required from the Radiation Safety Officer.
- Minors in laboratories will not directly work with animals for research, teaching, and demonstration without approval of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.
- Minors will not be provided with a laboratory key or key-card access.
- Any laboratory incidents involving minors will be reported immediately to the Department Chair and to Risk Management & Safety.

Any additional information specific to this program:

I, _____ (Principal Investigator), certify that I have read and understand the Youth Protection Policy and Health and Safety Requirements and agree to fully comply with all the requirements outlined.

Principal Investigator signature:_____

Date: _____

Program Director/Coordinator signature:_____

Date: _____

Dean, Department Head, or Chair signature:_____

Date: _____

Please sign the acknowledgment and submit it to the Youth Protection Program in the Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy.