



# UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

## Visiting Researcher/Scholar (VRS) Agreement

- A Visiting Researcher/Scholar (VRS) accessing work and facilities at the University of Georgia does so on behalf of UGA in carrying out UGA's functions. The activities of a VRS are for the mutual benefit of the VRS and UGA, and those activities directly benefit UGA.
- Participation at UGA as a VRS does not create an employment relationship with UGA. A VRS will receive no stipend or other payment from UGA (other than honoraria) for any activities as a VRS. A VRS is not entitled to participate in UGA benefit programs such as workers' compensation or health insurance offerings.
- A VRS must follow applicable UGA policies, procedures, and guidelines to the same extent as UGA employees.
- A VRS will maintain in confidence all information or material that UGA and/or the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. (UGARF) are required to maintain in confidence through a contract, grant, or other agreement with a third party or through government regulation or by any other requirement.
- Absent a separate agreement with different terms, a VRS is considered part of University Personnel for the purpose of the UGA Intellectual Property Policy and all terms of that policy apply to a VRS. All research and scholarly activities performed by a VRS as part of the UGA visit are considered assigned efforts under the UGA Intellectual Property Policy.
- A VRS must maintain accurate and complete laboratory notebooks, data, and other electronic or written documentation that are appropriate given the nature of the VRS's work at UGA. A VRS does not personally own such items and must turn over to UGA and/or UGARF all materials generated in performance of activities as a VRS if requested, and copies thereof, if requested.

***After signature is obtained below, the individual signing as VRS remains subject to additional review and processing. The individual's signature on this document is not a guarantee that VRS status will be conferred. VRS status is effective only with the issuance of a UGAID.***

**Visiting Researcher/Scholar (VRS).** I agree to the terms of this Agreement in my role as a VRS.

By (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_