



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, and all copies thereof, if requested.

After signatures are 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: _____

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL SIGNATURE for Visiting Researcher/Scholar’s Home Institution/Employer. The undersigned organization has reviewed this Agreement and agrees to its terms.

By (Signature): _____

Name (Print): _____

Title (Print): _____

Date: _____