



The University of Georgia

Office of the Vice President for Research

UGA IACUC Visitor Policy

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Guests of faculty conducting research approved by the IACUC may be admitted to the animal research facilities at the discretion of a faculty member providing they are under the direct supervision of the sponsoring faculty member or the sponsor's responsible, qualified designee. Visitors, except as addressed specifically below, are not permitted to have hands-on contact with animals, may only observe, and are expected to adhere to all UGA requirements, rules and policies related to animal research. Visitors are defined to include UGA personnel who have not met the qualifications for admittance to the animal research facilities or guests from outside of our university community including volunteers and students engaged in non-catalog educational activities.

Visitors must be at least 16 years of age and may not have access to non-human primates, biocontainment areas, or projects involving hazards without special training and authorization of the appropriate university oversight committee and the Director of Animal Care and Use or the Director's qualified designee. All visitors must be enrolled in the [Non-Contact Occupational Health and Safety Program](#) at minimum. Children under the age of 16 are not permitted to enter any of the URAR animal facilities without written permission from the Director or the Director's qualified designee.

Visitors can be quite disruptive to the animals and to the daily work schedule of the staff. It is preferable to have advance notice given to the Facility Supervisor of the facility to be visited or the Program Manager. Visitors to any animal facility not escorted by a sponsor must be accompanied at all times by URAR personnel.

Hands-on contact with animals is only permitted for persons credentialed and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Visits from media personnel must be arranged with the Office of Animal Care and Use. Administrative URAR personnel must accompany all media personnel during visits.

Additional information can be found in the [University Research Animal Resources Orientation Handbook](#).