Animal Research Compliance Training

The proper and humane treatment of animal subjects is not only an integral piece of conducting research with integrity; it is a federal mandate requiring robust training and oversight. UMCES maintains a membership in the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), a web-based training program that was developed by faculty at the University of Miami. Prior to conducting any research, including observational-only studies, all persons involved must complete the "Working with the IACUC" curriculum module via CITI. If you initiate research on vertebrates prior to completing the above training curriculum, your research will be halted until those requirements have been met. Students working with animals are required to have completed all IACUC requirements in order to graduate.

To complete this training, please log onto CITI (https://www.citiprogram.org).   If you have already registered on CITI, simply click the 'Log In' button to continue.   If this is your first time using CITI, click the 'Register' button towards the top of the screen and affiliate yourself with UMCES.

> ***It is breach of our contract with CITI to permit non-UMCES persons to utilize our program. All non-UMCES students, contractors, and/or colleagues must use their own institutional resources to fulfill their compliance requirements. Granting access to non-UMCES persons is considered fraud and may result in the revocation of all UMCES credentials.***

This restriction does not apply to MEES students who should use the UMCES affiliation to complete this requirement. If MEES students or other non-UMCES colleagues complete this or a similar training while affiliated with another institution, they can fulfill the UMCES requirement by emailing a copy of their certification of completion to Angela Richmond (arichmond@umces.edu).

One you are logged in, select the modules you need to complete. To select modules, click 'My Courses,' then the UMCES 'View Courses,' and then "Add a Course' at the bottom of that page. By answering a short series of questions the appropriate courses will be added to your Active Courses. UMCES CITI membership also includes the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and Conflict of Interest (COI) training modules. Please work with your lab director or advisor to determine which other modules you must complete.

For additional information regarding animal research as well as the UMCES Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), please visit the UMCES Animal Care and Use Policies website at https://www.umces.edu/animal-care-and-use-policies.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact UMCES IACUC administration at umces-iacuc@umces.edu.