

Dear all,

We appreciate the continued support of the research community and adherence to [recent directives](#) to suspend on-campus research due to the coronavirus pandemic. While the current [animal research restrictions](#) remain in place, we realize that some long-term experiments may require completion, and conclusion of these experiments can further reduce research activities on campus. At this time, we are asking our research partners to identify those assets critical for the maintenance of research activities and to finish work related to ongoing projects.

The Office of Animal Resources (OAR) in association with the Vice President for Research (VPR) will consider proposals to complete long-term projects that meet the following criteria: **(COVID-19 research remains exempt from the restrictions)**

- Completion of work will allow the lab to:
 - Remove further animal inventory from housing rooms
 - Alleviate the need for personnel to be on campus when the project ends
- Work utilizes animals currently in-house
 - No further breeding/colony expansion needs to occur
- Animals have reached a prime age for the planned study
- Proposed project does not require the use of approved satellite housing areas
- Animal Protocol amendments are not required to complete the proposed work
- The project has a finite timeline (project lasts no more than one week/ seven days from start to finish)
- Core resource facilities operating in a restricted status are not unduly burdened as determined by the Core Director(s)
- Work can be safely accomplished following social distancing directives

To request consideration for work adhering to the listed criteria, please submit an experimental plan (no more than 1 page) to OAR Director (Dr. Jim Sheets) and

Assistant Director (Dr. Maria Martino-Cardona) no later than 12pm April 9, 2020. Proposals will be evaluated by OAR and OVPR in conjunction with the Associate Dean for Research in the relevant college.

These guidelines are subject to change on short notice if OAR resources become limited or if the current status of the pandemic further restricts on-campus activities.

Thank you for working with us to ensure the safety of everyone on campus and to protect the research enterprise. If you have additional questions, please contact us, visit OVPR's [COVID-19 Information for Researchers](#) page, and—if you have not already done so—[subscribe to OVPR's COVID-19 email updates](#) (sent out when there is new, urgent information for the research community)