

Dear all,

We appreciate the continued support of the research community and adherence to directives to suspend on-campus research due to the coronavirus pandemic. While the **current [animal research restrictions](#) remain in place** (refer to link for details), 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 and does not last more than 14 days from start to finish
- Project needs to occur in the month of May
  - Consideration will only be given for projects that must occur in this month
- 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 May 8th, 2020**.

**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)

