

## **Mandatory Online Training**

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At Howard University, anyone who carries out animal research is required to take part in the On-line Animal Care and Use Training Program. Effective March 1, 2013, the courses offered by the Laboratory Animal Training Association (LATA) will no longer be the required training for animal research. The courses offered by the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) on "Animal Care and Use" will replace the LATA courses as the required training for persons involved in the conduct of research that uses non-human vertebrate animals. Registration for the CITI Animal Care and Use courses can be located at <http://www.citiprogram.org>. New users should select **Howard University Medical Center** as the participating institution. Animal users are required to participate in all applicable courses (e.g., Working with the IACUC, Aseptic surgery, Post-procedure care, Working with mice in research settings, etc.)

The following information can be found on the CITI website:

The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) at the University of Miami is a leading provider of research education content. Their [web-based training materials](#) serve millions of learners at academic institutions, government agencies, and commercial organizations in the U.S. and around the world. Their mission is to promote the public's trust in the research enterprise by providing high quality, peer reviewed, web based, research education materials to enhance the integrity and professionalism of investigators and staff conducting research.

### **Animal Care and Use**

CITI Program's Animal Care and Use (ACU) materials cover general principles of ethical care and use of animals in research, training, and testing, as well as focusing on the care and use of particular species. Content is designed to meet United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) requirements for basic training in the humane care and use of animals.

### **Content and audience**

ACU content addresses the needs of the entire research team: investigators, students, technicians, and administrators. There are also courses designed to help investigators learn how to work more productively with the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and for members of the IACUC itself. Species-specific materials in the "Working with..." courses focus on research involving amphibians, cats, dogs, ferrets, fish, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, non-human primates, rabbits, rats, and swine. Additional content focuses on topics such as aseptic surgery and post-procedure care.

The following courses are available:

#### **(i) Animal Care and Use (ACU) courses**

Working with the IACUC

Working with the IACUC – refresher

Essentials for IACUC members

Essentials for IACUC members – refresher [under development]

IACUC community member

Aseptic surgery

Post-procedure care of mice and rats in research: minimizing pain and distress

Antibody production in animals

Wildlife field studies [under development]

**(ii) Animal-Specific Courses**

Working with amphibians in research settings

Working with cats in research settings

Working with cats in research settings – refresher

Working with dogs in research settings

Working with ferrets in research settings

Working with fish in research settings

Working with gerbils in research settings

Working with guinea pigs in research settings

Working with hamsters in research settings

Working with mice in research settings

Working with non-human primates in research settings

Working with rabbits in research settings

Working with rats in research settings

Working with swine in research settings