

## Request for Facility Usage in the AHRC Procedures

### Purpose:

The AHRC has six BSL3-Enhanced laboratories, six ABSL3 animal rooms, and eight BSL3-AG animal rooms. Two of the BSL3-AG animal rooms are 2½ times larger than the others to accommodate more livestock when needed. The use of these rooms must be carefully scheduled to optimize the usage and the personnel available to service these spaces.

### Procedures:

1. Researchers who wish to schedule space in the AHRC must complete the **Request for Facility Usage in the AHRC** form. See form attached. This form will be available for internet completion.
2. All projects utilizing animals in the AHRC must be approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, IACUC, prior to the ordering or use of animals.
3. All projects requiring work at biosafety level 3, 3 Enhanced or 3-Ag must receive approval from the University of Georgia Biosafety Office prior to the start of the study.
4. All proposals for projects which will use the BSL3-Enhanced laboratories, the ABSL3 animal rooms or the BSL3-AG animal rooms must be approved by the College of Veterinary Medicine's AHRC Steering Committee and the Director of the AHRC. This approval will be granted in writing to the proposal applicant with a copy to the Facility Program Manager and the Director of Animal Care and Use.
5. Once approved, the Director of Animal Care and Use or the Manager of Animal Care in the AHRC will schedule the requested room space on a first come, first served basis. Scheduling will take into consideration the time between projects required for cleaning and decontamination as well as any repairs or preventative maintenance that may be required in the space prior to the next occupancy.
6. Prior to occupancy, all personnel expected to enter the space will undergo security clearance for entry into the space per **SOP 001-S**.
7. In addition, right-to-know training and biosafety training will be required of all occupants. Refer to the following biosafety SOP: **SOP 016-B** "Training protocols for work in the AHRC"