MINORS IN THE LABORATORY

Minors under the age of sixteen (16) may not enter an FIU laboratory.

Minors between the ages of sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) require approval by Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) before entering an FIU laboratory. Required conditions are listed below:

- All approved minor volunteers in the laboratory are required to:
  - Complete all appropriate safety training conducted by EH&S and/or the department, and keep a training log with the attendees’ signatures and dates
  - Adhere to all restrictions imposed by EH&S
  - Have an adult supervisor(s) at all times; and
  - Have written consent from the Legal Guardian on the Volunteer Application Form A. The parental consent and emergency contact form on file with the department, EH&S and Division of Human Resources.

- Minor volunteers in the laboratory are prohibited from working or conducting research in the following areas:
  - Laboratories or facilities designated as BSL-2 or higher for recommended or infectious organisms;
  - Laboratories or facilities where select agents or explosives are used or stored; and
  - Animal care facility housing or laboratories.

- Minor volunteers in the laboratory are prohibited from working with the following materials:
  - Radioactive materials or radiation;
  - Acute toxins;
  - Infectious agents; and
  - Highly hazardous chemicals.

- Responsibilities of the faculty/staff regarding minor volunteers:
  - Obtain approval for the minor volunteer’s proposed research activities from their Department Chair, EH&S, and Division of Human Resources;
  - All faculty and staff who will be in contact with the minors will require a Level 2 Background Check with fingerprinting to be cleared prior to the minor beginning the volunteer duties
  - Ensure that the minor volunteer is appropriately supervised at all times;
  - Ensure that the minor volunteer has completed the required safety training; and
  - Ensure that the minor volunteer does not work or come into contact with the materials listed above.