Minors **under** the age of sixteen (16) cannot enter an FIU laboratory.

Minors **between** the ages of sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) require approval by EH&S and ORED 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 Parent or 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.