

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE BASIC SCIENCES
POLICY GOVERNING MINORS IN LABORATORIES**

Minors often seek and acquire opportunities to study or work at the University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine (SOM) and gain valuable knowledge and experience. The USC SOM will adopt the University of South Carolina Policy Governing Minors in Laboratories (see: <http://www.sc.edu/ehs/Risk%20Management/MinorsLab.htm>) with the following amendments.

No access will be granted to the following areas for minors under the age of 18:

- Any Clinical Departments
- Irradiator
- The Viral Vector Lab
- BSL 3 Labs


Access to BSL2 labs will be permitted to minors under 18 only with direct supervision. In no case minors will be allowed to work in any SOM laboratory by themselves, without a supervising adult.

USC SOM Oversight Committee and Process

The USC SOM has an established committee run through the SC INBRE program for file oversight. All requests for allowing a minor to enter or work in a lab must utilize the USC forms (found at <http://www.sc.edu/ehs/Risk%20Management/MinorsLab.htm>) and be submitted electronically to the SC INBRE office at the USC SOM (Kiona Thomas, Program Manager; scinbre@gmail.com). Complete request packages will be reviewed by the USC SOM Research Experiences for Minors (REM) committee before being sent to the USC EH&S Office for final approval. The REM committee will review each request and determine if the proposed research experience and scope of work for the minor is in conformance with the SOM policies articulated here above. Once approved by the USC SOM REM committee, the proposal will be forwarded to the USC EH&S Office for approval. The PI's signature on the forms indicates they assume complete responsibility and financial liability for the safety and oversight of minors in their laboratories.

A copy of all documents will be sent to the Associate Dean for Basic Science's office, and all documents will be retained in the SC INBRE office for review at any time. The REM committee will establish timeframes and deadlines for submission of requests and coordinate with the USC EH&S office to schedule the required laboratory safety training classes for these students at the SOM.


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