

Which *learner group* applies to my role in animal research?

You will be asked to choose which learner group applies to your role in animal research. Below are the definitions for each learner group to help you select which applies to you.

- **Researchers:** CWU personnel (faculty, staff, or students), or other personnel associated with CWU, with major and/or primary responsibility for carrying out procedures involving vertebrate animals. This could include field research, use of animals in teaching, and/or laboratory research with animals.

Note: Graduate student thesis projects generally fall into this learner group.

- **Students working with animals (*including course-related projects*):** CWU students that are involved in procedures using vertebrate animals, including course-related projects, under the direct supervision of CWU faculty or staff.

Note: CWU students that have primary responsibility for a research project (i.e. independent research, Science Honors, or thesis project) must complete the training modules in the “Researchers” learner group.

- **Animal Technicians:** CWU employees, or other person associated with CWU, responsible for the daily care and welfare of animals within a facility. Typically, these employees are under the supervision of a vivarium manager, faculty researchers, or veterinarian.
- **Research Administrators and Staff:** CWU employee, or other person associated with CWU, involved in providing administrative assistance to researchers. These roles include IACUC staff, research administrative assistants, contract and grant assistants and managers, and office managers.

Research administrators and staff typically **do not** conduct procedures or interact with animals. If the research administrator or staff member also interacts with animals, the person should take additional training modules pertaining to the care and use of animals.

- **IACUC Members:** Appointed members of the IACUC (committee responsible for the review of research protocols, evaluations of the organization’s animal care and use program, and facility inspections, as required by law), with the exception of the IACUC Community Member.
- **IACUC Community Members (otherwise known as a nonscientific member):** The PHS Policy IV.A.3.b.(3) describes the nonscientific member as a member of the IACUC whose primary concerns are in a nonscientific area (for example, ethicist, lawyer, member of the clergy). This person is not affiliated with CWU except through their membership in the IACUC.
- **Institutional Official:** An individual who signs, and has the authority to sign, the institution’s Assurance, making a commitment on behalf of the institution that the requirements of the PHS Policy will be met.