**SECTION H3. RESEARCH PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS**

This form must be completed for all non-exempt individuals noted under Section H2 of the Level 2 Application and must be included in the submission of such application.

**H3A. Personnel Information**\*

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| Office Phone: | → Response Here | | | | Cell Phone:\* | → Response Here | | | |
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**H3B. Animal Use, Ethics, and Welfare Training**\*

1. During the review of this protocol, the IACUC will review and confirm that you have met the training requirements for the species and work involved in this protocol. Please review such training requirements below and indicate which option matches your situation best. **Training must be completed every five years**.\*

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|  | Research Group | Required Training or Forms |
|  | Georgia Aquarium Personnel | 1. Working with the IACUC  2. Species Appropriate Module(s)\*  3. Research Basics **(GAQ Academy)**  4. Wildlife Research **(for In *Situ* projects)** |
|  | Animal Handling Researchers/Technicians | 1. Working with the IACUC  2. Species Appropriate Module(s)\*  3. Wildlife Research **(for In *Situ* projects)** |
|  | Principal Investigators – No Animal Handling | 1. Working with the IACUC |

\* “Species Appropriate Module(s)” include Working with Fish in a Research Setting, Working with Amphibians in a Research Setting, and Working with Reptiles in a Research Setting. For species appropriate training for mammals, birds, or invertebrates, please contact the IACUC.

1. Select which method the IACUC should review your training certifications:\*

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|  | I certify that I have completed all the required training through the CITI Program under Georgia Aquarium as an institution (or Georgia Aquarium Academy). *Certificates will be verified by the IACUC through CITI (and Georgia Aquarium Academy where applicable).* | |
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|  | I have completed all the required training through the CITI Program under another institution. *Copies of your certificates must be provided with this application.* | |
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**H3C. Skills and Experience**\*

With respect to **THIS PROTOCOL ONLY (species, methodology, etc.)**:

1. Please describe any formal training that you have received related to the use of animals. Include the institution, approximate dates, and a brief description of the training content:\*

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1. What experience do you have that prepares you to perform the procedures and use the techniques required of you in this protocol? **(Please be specific.)**\*

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1. If training in specific skills is needed, or if you will be engaged in procedures for which you are not presently proficient, indicate which experience is lacking and who will provide the necessary training and who will provide oversight until you have achieved proficiency:\*

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**H3D. Terms and Conditions**\*

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|  | **Research Oversight:** All researchers involved in this project operate under the authority and oversight of the Principal Investigator, who holds full responsibility for the conduct, compliance, and integrity of all research activities carried out under the approved protocol. |
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|  | **Animal Welfare\*:** All activities will be conducted under an IACUC-approved protocol and in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act, Animal Welfare Regulations, and recognized professional best practices for animal welfare, regardless of the species’ regulatory status under the USDA. |
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|  | **Unanticipated Event Reporting\*:** The IACUC must be notified of any unanticipated outcomes related to animal use, including but not limited to distress, pain, or mortality. These events must be reported within 48 hours using the GAQ IACUC Event Report Form. |
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|  | **Shared Responsibility for Animal Welfare Concerns\***: I understand that as a participant in this research, I have a shared responsibility for safeguarding animal welfare. If at any point animal welfare appears to be compromised, I am expected to speak up and take immediate action if it is safe to do so, and to report all such instances to the IACUC within 48 hours of occurrence at [iacuc@georgiaaquarium.org](mailto:iacuc@georgiaaquarium.org). |
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|  | **Anonymous Reporting Policy\***: I understand that as part of the IACUC’s expectations for reporting animal welfare concerns, I will be protected from identification and/or retaliation under the IACUC’s Anonymous Reporting Policy, Section J.8 (October 2025 ed.). |
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|  | **Non-Compliance\*:** Any non-compliance with an approved protocol and/or an applicable policy will be handled pursuant to the IACUC’s Policies, Section J (October 2025 ed.). |
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|  | **Publication Policy\*:** Any activities which include publications, presentations, conferences, educational materials, or similar works must be reviewed and approved by Georgia Aquarium’s Research and Conservation Department. The Research and Conservation Department can be reached at [gairesearch@georgiaaquarium.org](mailto:gairesearch@georgiaaquarium.org). |
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|  | **Media Policy\*:** Any use of photography or videography obtained while conducting research under Georgia Aquarium’s name must be reviewed and approved by Georgia Aquarium’s Marking Department prior to use. The Marketing Department can be reached at [digitalmedia@georgiaaquarium.org](mailto:digitalmedia@georgiaaquarium.org) and [media@georgiaaquarium.org](mailto:media@georgiaaquarium.org). |
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|  | **Recordkeeping**\***:** I understand that accurate and complete recordkeeping is essential across all research settings. This includes documenting procedures, animal observations, environmental conditions, and material usage, as appropriate to the approved methodology. I acknowledge that inadequate records may compromise the Committee’s ability to verify compliance, assess animal welfare, and ensure adherence to regulatory standards. |
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**I have carefully reviewed, understand and agree to all the above agreement clauses (required for a submission) for:**

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| Researcher Signature:\*  To insert your signature, hover over and click on the photo icon to the right and select a saved photo of your signature. | **A white square with a blue border  Description automatically generated** |