

What animal training do I need to complete before I can work with animals?

It depends. First, create a CITI account. The [instructions](#) are below (or see [Guide to Getting Started](#)).

All personnel will complete **Working with the IACUC – Investigators, Staff and Students**, **Post Procedure Care of Mice & Rats in Research (Reducing Pain/Distress)**, and the **Species** and procedure as advised by the PI:

- **Working with [Species]**
- Aseptic Surgery if applicable
- Antibody Production if applicable

Instructions to create a CITI account.

Go to <https://www.citiprogram.org/>

Create an account in or login with your current and .

Search for organization: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

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Question 4

Laboratory Animal Research

- Working with the IACUC Course - Investigators, Staff and Students
- IACUC Chairs, Members and Coordinators - Essentials for IACUC Members
- IACUC Community Member
- Post-Approval Monitoring (PAM)
- Antibody Production
- Aseptic Surgery
- Post Procedure Care of Mice & Rats in Research
- Working with Mice Family: Muridae Cricetidae
- Working with Rats. Genus: Rattus
- Working with Frogs, Toads or other Amphibians
- Working with Hamsters. Family: Murid
- Working with Gerbils

Select if protocol includes surgery.

Reducing Pain & Distress is included.

Select species on protocol.

By federal law, training must be completed before PI's Amendment submission is approved, and before you can work with animals. The IACUC will notify your PI in writing when you can begin working with animals.

TTU personnel Upload all your CITI Animal Training Completion Certificates to iRIS!
iRIS > My Profile > My Account > Training History > Add a New Document > Save Uploaded File to iRIS.

Three years after course completions, CITI sends notices to redo courses. The IACUC does not require recompletions.