Kinesiology Guest Scholar Policies

Kinesiology faculty members may wish to host a Guest Scholar (i.e., non-UM affiliated scholar or student) in their lab or research space. Hosting a Guest Scholar in Kinesiology requires approval by the Kinesiology Associate Dean for Research (ADR). Following ADR approval, the following services are available to the Guest Scholar:

- Key or card access to host faculty member’s lab or research space
- Internet access via Kinesiology computer and/or personal laptop
- UM library access
- UM ID (MCard)
- UM email address
- Assistance with J-1 visa requirements
- Kinesiology sponsorship for Rackham Visiting Scholar or Visiting Research Student appointment
- Kinesiology appointment letter describing the resources that will be provided during their stay

To request ADR approval, complete the Kinesiology Guest Scholar Request Form on the Kinesiology Research Administration website. After approval by the ADR, the hosting faculty member will be contacted by a Kinesiology staff member for further information and instructions.

Kinesiology Guest Scholar - no Rackham appointment

A Kinesiology Guest Scholar may be appointed in Kinesiology without an additional Rackham appointment.

Kinesiology Guest Scholar - with Rackham appointment

A Kinesiology Guest Scholar may also be appointed as a Rackham Visiting Scholar or Visiting Research Student. The purpose of the appointment as a Visiting Scholar or Visiting Research Student is to acknowledge the status and standing of scholars whose primary reason for being at the University is to engage in research. The Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies has sole responsibility for conferring Visiting Scholar and Visiting Research Student status. Expectations of both the School and Rackham are that individuals appointed as Visiting Scholars will have a set of skills, or some scholarly expertise, and will be able to contribute to an ongoing research program of the sponsoring faculty member in Kinesiology. The main contact during their appointment at UM will be the School of Kinesiology.

Following are the Rackham criteria for Visiting Scholar and Visiting Research Students:

Visiting Scholars must:

- Have an earned PhD (or equivalent) or other comparable terminal graduate or graduate-professional degree (i.e., JD, MD, MFA, etc.), and hold a faculty or other permanent research position at another accredited university, college, or research organization or
- Have a Master’s or equivalent intermediate degree and substantial professional experience that the host unit affirms to be equivalent to that expected of a member of the University of Michigan faculty; and
- Be pursuing a program of research as their primary purpose; and
- Be invited by a department, program or other University unit; and
- Be in residence for an appointment term of not less than one month and not more than three calendar years.
Visiting Research Students must:

- Be conducting research related to the graduate degree requirements of another university as their primary purpose; and
- Be invited by a department, program or other University unit; and
- Be in residence for not less than one month and not more than two calendar years.
- Students visiting under student exchange agreements are not eligible for appointments as Visiting Research Students.

More information on the Visiting Scholars is available at Rackham-Visiting Scholars and Visiting Research Students website.

More information on UM sponsorship for a J-1 exchange visa can be found at the Hosting a J-1 Exchange Visitor to U-M website.

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