

# Policy 7.21 - Minors Participating in Research Activities @ Emory University

## Overview

Emory University desires to promote science and research education programs for Minors and to encourage mentor/mentee relationships between Emory researchers and young people interested in developing their scientific interests and research skills.

### WHO IS CONSIDERED A MINOR?



Policy 7.21 defines “Minor” as any person who is a minimum of 15 years of age, but who has not attained 18 years of age and who is not enrolled in an Emory University or Oxford College regular catalog course or degree program. For the purposes of this policy, “Minor” should only include rising and current juniors and seniors attending a Georgia high school.

### RCRA APPROVAL REQUIRED



Minors are permitted to enter laboratories or participate in research activities only if they are participating in an approved program (hosted by a PI/sponsor who has received RCRA approval for the project). RCRA approval is required before any minor can begin participating in research activities (paid or unpaid; remote or in person) at Emory. RCRA will not provide final approval until it receives the completed Minors Registration Form.

### MINORS REGISTRATION FORM



There is a Minors Registration Form that must be completed by the PI, the minor, the minor’s parent/guardian, the minor’s school official, and applicable Emory offices (detailed below). RCRA provides final signature and approval for each request.

## What is the Process for Getting Approval for Minors to Participate in Research Activities?

- 1 PI/sponsor contacts RCRA directly at [researchcompliance@emory.edu](mailto:researchcompliance@emory.edu) or reaches out to their Emory school. The school will forward the PI/sponsor to RCRA.
- 2 RCRA provides the PI the Minors Registration Form and the required trainings.
- 3 There are sections to be completed by the PI, the minor, the minor’s parent/guardian, and the minor’s school official.
  - o RCRA reviews the Form for completion and forwards the Form to the other necessary Emory offices.
  - o Depending on the nature of the research project and/or research activities conducted by the minor, research administration review and approvals from EHSO, IRB, IACUC, Research Security, Export Control, etc. are required as applicable.
- 4 Once all of the required trainings and signatures have been completed, RCRA will provide final approval.