

Medical School Service Departments

Biomedical Research Core Facilities (BRCF) (647-2751)

The BRCF serves as a campus-wide resource for developing and providing state-of-the-art biomedical research services on a fee-for-service basis. There is a brochure available from the BRCF that contains detailed information about each of the Core Labs, as well as pricing and service information. To obtain the most recent BRCF brochure or any other information, please contact BRCF at 647-2751.

Educational Resources and Research, Office of (OERR) (936-1644)

The Department of Medical Education provides faculty throughout the Medical School with a wide range of consultation expertise and services in medical education for undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education. By collaborating with faculty from other departments, DME seeks to improve medical education at the University of Michigan through scholarly application of educational theory, the development and implementation of educational innovations, reliable and valid assessment of student performance, and evaluations of program effectiveness. Major areas of DME faculty expertise include: designing innovative educational interventions; addressing multicultural concerns in the classroom and clinic; test construction and psychometrics; patient education research; study design, methodology, and statistical analysis; faculty development; and curriculum and teaching evaluation and teaching evaluation.

Learning Resource Center (LRC) (936-2233)

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) is the primary location for functions in the Office of Medical Education, and is also the center of activity for support and maintenance of the four computer clusters (with a total of over 100 computers) available for student use. Two of the clusters are available to medical students 24 hours/day, seven days a week. First- and second-year medical students also come to the LRC for small group activities and conferences, and for a significant portion of their clinical skills training, including simulated patient encounters. The annual Comprehensive Clinical Assessment of fourth-year medical students is managed by the Office of Medical Education and administered in the LRC.

LRC computer consultants assist Medical School faculty with the development and evaluation of original (web and non-web) computer-based educational materials. The LRC also maintains a state-of-the-art Faculty Development Station to assist Medical School faculty with updating and upgrading their teaching materials; consultation is provided as well, all at no charge to faculty. The Classroom Services staff schedule classrooms and auditoria in the Medical School and the UM Hospitals, and provide audiovisual support and or delivery service to clients throughout the Medical Center.

LRC 763-6770

LRC Hours Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight

Sunday: 2:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Note: LRC Summer hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Taubman Medical Library (763-3071)

The Taubman Medical Library is one of the largest health science libraries in the country. It provides services to the School of Nursing, College of Pharmacy and the UM Health System. The library provides access and instruction for many databases and full-text resources as well as reference service in the library and electronically. The collections include over 3,000 print and electronic journals with campus and remote access to all electronic resources. The Library has two fee-based services: the Literature Search Service and the Photocopy Service. Materials that are not available in the University Libraries may be requested through the Taubman Interlibrary Loan Department. Visit the Taubman Library homepage for additional information:

Reference Desk: 763-3071

Library Hours (Fall-Winter terms):

Monday- Thursday 8 am - 11:45 p.m.

Friday 8 am - 8:45 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 11:45 p.m.

The Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine (ULAM) (936-3802)

The Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine (ULAM) was established in 1962 as an academic unit of the University of Michigan Medical School with research, service, and teaching functions. In addition, the ULAM director reports to the Vice-President for Research on University-wide matters related to animal care and use.

The functions of ULAM encompass service and regulatory responsibilities, education, and research. Service and regulatory functions include procurement, housing, and care of animals; veterinary medical care services; technical service in support of research; consultation; and monitoring of compliance with regulatory requirements. Educational activities include participation in various undergraduate and graduate courses, where presentation of information on use and care of animals is appropriate; postdoctoral residency and research training of veterinarians in biomedical research and laboratory animal medicine; and training of UM personnel in humane and technical aspects of animal care and use. ULAM also provides administrative support for the University Committee on Use and Care of Animals (UCUCA).

Husbandry care for animal research subjects can be provided by ULAM or by other units. In all instances, ULAM provides veterinary care for injured or sick animals. In addition, ULAM personnel regularly monitor all animals and the care they are given to ensure that scientists and animal care providers adhere to humane practices as called for by the federal Animal Welfare Act, National Institutes of Health (NIH) guidelines, standards of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC), and University and UCUCA policies and principles.

Additional information concerning any aspect of animal research at the University of Michigan may be obtained by contacting the ULAM office, 018 Animal Research Facility 0614. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Information is also available at the ULAM web site.

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