

How to Gain Access to the MIC BSL-2 Room 1117 (Confocal Microscopy and Cell/Tissue Culture)

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Principal Investigators:

1. Amend BSL-1 or BSL-2 IBC applications to include Room 1117 ILSB (Building 1530) and include the list of agents and description of procedures that will be performed within the room. For more information, please see the Research Compliance & Biosafety website <https://rcb.tamu.edu/>. To submit/amend an IBC application, please login to the iRIS Portal <https://iris.tamu.edu/>.
2. Upon approval, provide a copy of the IBC outcome letter to the MIC. Also provide the list of agents and description of procedures that will be performed in the room. This information must be added to the room documentation.
3. Provide updated info for our records on any future amendments, such as adding a new agent or changing/adding a new procedure.

Users:

1. Go to the link <https://rcb.tamu.edu/training> and register for the following training:
Biosafety Level 2 Training (Every 5 years)
Biological Safety Cabinets Training (One time)
Bloodborne Pathogen Training (Annual renewal)
2. Register in the Biosafety Occupational Health Program at <https://bohp.tamu.edu/>.
3. Take an online Laser Safety Course, at <https://ehsdtraining.tamu.edu> (required for independent operation of the confocal microscope).
4. Must submit copies of your certification for all required training. This will include the training listed above but should include your Lab-Specific Training for the room.
5. Schedule the basic confocal microscopy training: two sessions, 2-3 hours each, are typically required. Additional training in advanced operation will be provided as needed.
6. All material entering and leaving the facility must be transported using sealed containment within sealed containment.
7. Must maintain their training and provide updated training completion info for our records.
8. **Required** to follow BSL-2 protocols in using the room.
9. Only **IBC-approved** research can be performed within the BSL-2 facility: any agents/organisms and procedures have to be approved by IBC first.