

## **Biosafety Level-3 Facility**

ASSOCIATION FOR BIO-INSPIRED LEADERS & ENTERPRENURES at SASTRA-TBI SASTRA Campus, THANJAVUR, TAMILNADU- 613401

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## **Facility Access Guidelines**

- 1. The following documents are submitted for facility access request.
  - 1.1. ABLEST Institutional Bio-safety Committee (IBSC) approval
  - 1.2. SASTRA Intuitional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) approval (if the project involves animals usage)
  - 1.3. Dully filled & signed Medical information sheet
  - 1.4. BSL-3 requisition form for facility usage
  - 1.5. Other documents such as General health certificate of the users including vaccination certificates, Chest X-ray (from any medical practitioner)
- 2. BSL-3 working experience
  - 2.1. For user with prior experience in handling & working in BSL-3 labs:

The prior experience certificate should be submitted along with the other documents. Based on the committee's approval, users will be intimated through email communications. After approval, the users will undergo inhouse refresher BSL-3 training for 5 days regarding the standard operating procedures to ensure best biosafety practises. Performance of the user will be evaluated by BSL-3 in-charge. The user who cleared the evaluation criteria will be allowed to access BSL-3 facility along with our trained technical assistant.

## 2.2. For New user:

- 2.2.1. New user must undergo ABLEST intensive training program
- 2.2.2. Upon successful completion of training program, user will undergo ABLEST-BSL-3 certification examination (written and practical demo exams). The applicants are required to pass the examination with a score of 80% or above to clear this examination.
- 2.2.3. Users should submit the training completion certificate along with other documents. After approval, the users will be allowed to access BSL-3 facility along with our trained technical assistant.
- 2.2.4. The personnel is allowed to gain experience for a month on working with BSL-2 pathogens along with the trained user as a post-training phase.
- 2.2.5. The personnel is allowed to work in the facility with the supervision of BSL-3 Scientist for 15 hrs to ensure biosafety practises while handling the pathogens.
- 3. The duly singed documents need to be submitted to the contact mail id along with requisition form for BSL-3 facility usage. Based on the committee's approval, users will be intimated through email communications.



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- 4. Users should undergo refresher training program each year as per the ABLEST-BSL-3 facility operational guidelines
- 5. About the costing and terms and conditions for utilizing this facility should be mailed on a case-to-case basis.