Pacific Marine Mammal Center
Research Application

Thank you for interest in access to our Center’s animals, or data or samples from animals in the care of the Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC). We ask that all scientists and researchers who are interested in collaborative research opportunities provide the information outlined in this application form. This application will be reviewed by PMMC’s Vice President of Research and Conservation Medicine, the Director of Veterinary Medicine and other relevant PMMC staff. Please provide as much information as possible about the details of your project. This information will be necessary for us to be able to make the decision to support the project. Your research application will be treated as confidential and will not be shared outside of PMMC.

Approval and necessary permits must be secured from all appropriate governmental agencies before the start of the project.
- Projects submitted from University researchers must have approval of that institution’s Animal Use and Care Committee.
- Researchers requesting marine mammal parts are required to have a Regional Authorization letter from the West coast regional stranding coordinator. For contact information click here.
- Researchers requesting data only do not require permits.

All researchers must agree to the terms and conditions of PMMC’s research agreement (below).

Proposals are typically 1-3 pages in length. Proposals are submitted electronically to peter.chang@pacificmmc.org, and must include:
- Contact information for the applicant (and Principal Investigator if the applicant is a student)
- Title of the project
- Relevant background
- How the project differs from or builds on previous work
- The specific research objectives or questions the project will answer
- A summary of the research and data analysis methods
- Sample type, sample size, and sample or data selection criteria requested from PMMC
- Sample processing and shipping instructions
- Whether your project will require you to do work on-site at PMMC. If yes, when, how long and what support or special supplies will be needed.
- Expected findings
- The significance of the project
- Expected list of conference presentations and peer-reviewed publications based on the samples or data provided by PMMC
- Anticipated project timeline, including publication(s) and presentation(s)
- A project spokesperson available for media or quotes about the project
- List funding available for special supplies, special processing requirements and shipping costs
In addition, please attach:
- the signed research agreement (below)
- copies of IACUC or permits from appropriate governmental agencies and indicate whether these are approved or in review
- up to 3 visual assets of the project in action for use with media, internal and external stakeholders
- one project summary slide to be used for project promotion via traditional and social media channels

We look forward to a productive collaboration on behalf of marine conservation.

Peter Chang, CEO
Pacific Marine Mammal Center
Research Agreement

All researchers must agree to the below terms and conditions:

The Principal Investigator agrees to submit an annual progress report by 31 December of each year. This report will include a copy of the raw data derived from the data or samples provided by PMMC. PMMC will use these progress reports to evaluate the project’s progress against the project timeline in the research application. If the project is not progressing in a satisfactory manner, PMMC may discontinue its participation in the project. If a project or the writing of (a) manuscript(s) has been inactive for 2 years, PMMC may choose to use the research data generated during the project in publications authored by PMMC staff, with appropriate co-authorship provided to the project’s Principal Investigator.

The Principal Investigator agrees not to transfer data, samples or parts thereof to other investigators without prior written permission from PMMC. The Principal Investigator agrees to seek PMMC’s permission prior to destroying or discarding used samples.

The Principal Investigator understands and agrees that the information about active research projects, once approved, and any resulting publications, presentations and reports can be used or referred to (with consideration of publication licensing agreements) on PMMC’s website and social media platforms.

PMMC collaborator(s) will be given the opportunity to provide feedback on study design, sample collection and study methodology. In addition, PMMC collaborator(s) will be given the opportunity to contribute to the writing, editing and reviewing all manuscripts, presentations, reports or other document derived in part or in their entirety from data or samples provided by PMMC. As such, the Principal Investigator agrees to include at least one PMMC collaborator as a coauthor, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing during PMMC’s research project review process. In these cases, relevant PMMC staff will acknowledged in any such manuscripts, presentations or other documents.

The Principal Investigator agrees to provide prior notice to PMMC of any press releases or other traditional or online media on the project.

If the Principal Investigator is a student, this Research Agreement must be co-signed by his/her faculty supervisor.

Name, title(s) ___________________________ Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

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