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To whom it may concern,

The University of Michigan Museum of Natural History (UMMNH) agrees to allow IRB-approved studies to be run at the Museum as part of the Living Lab exhibit, a developmental and learning lab site in the Museum. The Living Lab is part of the NSF-funded Living Lab Initiative (livinglab.org). This letter provides approval to move to multiple studies to be conducted over period beginning August 1, 2014 and continuing through June 30, 2016.

This letter provides approval for researchers who are affiliated with the University of Michigan to conduct studies at the Museum. In addition to this stipulation, we also require that all PI's and RAs running studies in the Living Lab at UMMNH will: (1) participate in the Museum's orientation program; (2) receive an orientation from the Living Lab coordinator that lays out the specific protocols for the lab space (e.g., set-up, shift scheduling, interacting with visitors, etc.); and (3) undergo a background check required for all volunteers and temporary employees. Additionally, all studies require the individual approval of the Assistant Director for Education and the Museum Director before commencing at the Museum.

The Museum team looks forward to its partnership with the National Living Lab initiative, and with the UM researchers who are running studies in the Museum. The opportunity to work with UM students and researchers helps us promote science communication skills for researchers, helps the public understand UM research, benefits our program design, and provides our visitors with additional learning experiences and opportunities to interact with our colleagues at the University. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

Amy Harris
Director