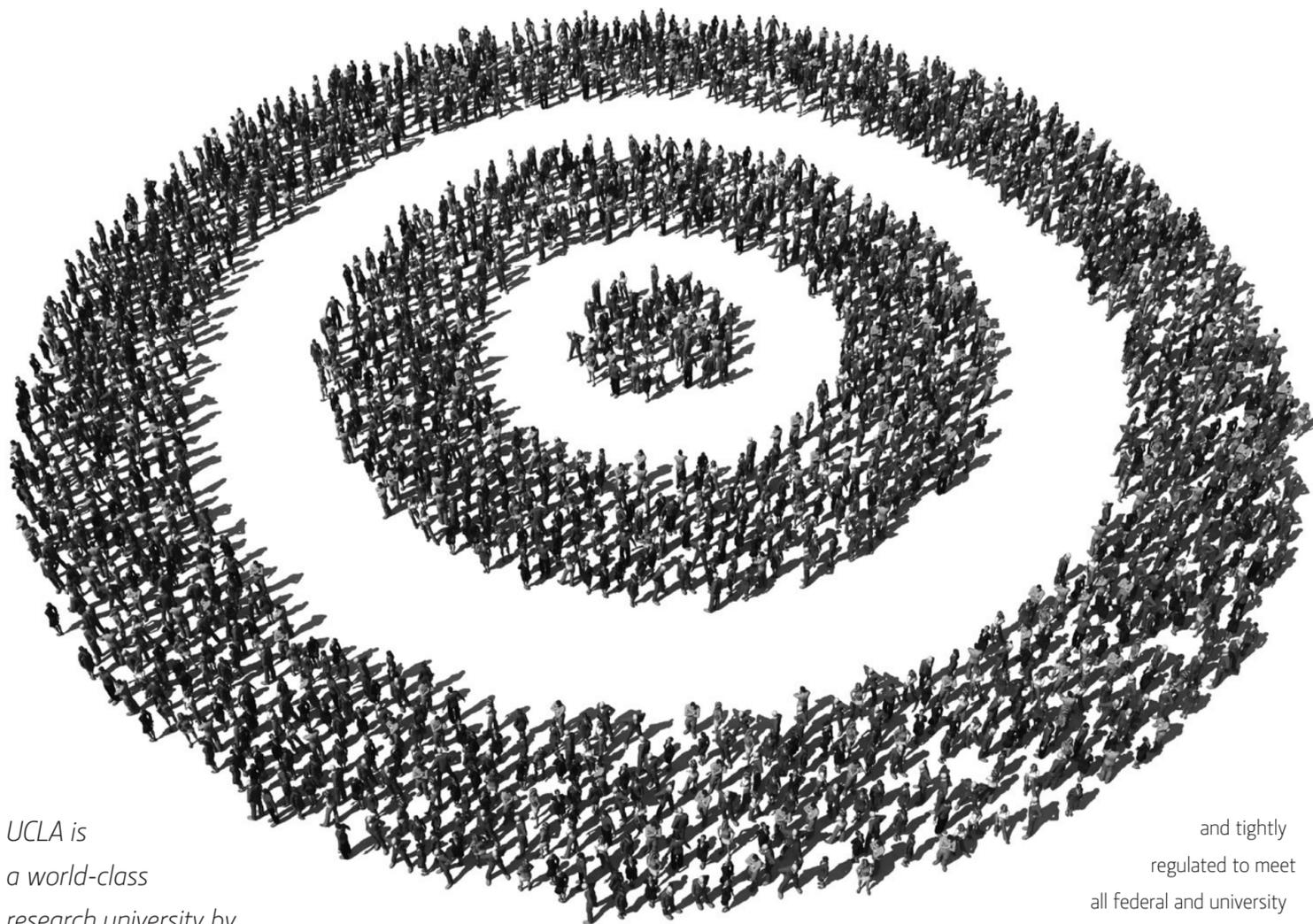


THE ONGOING HEALTH OF HUMANITY



UCLA is a world-class research university by any measure. As the youngest of the great universities, its mission is clear and unwavering—to multiply knowledge for the betterment of all. By applying its collective intellect and considerable resources, UCLA researchers have demonstrated an uncanny talent for real-world breakthroughs, applications and results that improve our lives on a daily basis.

Raising the level of what's possible

The advances UCLA researchers make are as remarkable as they are essential. Examples abound: Dramatic progress against cancer, AIDS and heart disease. Powerful treatments for fetal circulatory disorders, mental health anomalies and sleep deprivation. Life-saving organ transplant procedures, vaccines and medicines with world changing applications. And in this ongoing process of discovery, UCLA researchers have changed the lives of people afflicted with a wide range of insidious diseases.

The need, reason and role of bio-research

Inroads against disease can originate from a variety of sources. Yet there is overwhelming agreement among physicians, veterinarians and scientists that laboratory animals provide invaluable and irreplaceable models for human systems and for how the human body functions. While the vast majority of research conducted at UCLA does not involve the use of animals, this work has played an essential role in creating lifesaving breakthroughs that could not have been accomplished without it. Countless lives have benefited. (It's likely animal research has played some role in the medical care you've received). In fact, this research has shown that the welfare of all living things—people, animals (domestic and wild) and pets—depend on our advanced understanding of animals.

“Over the past 100 years, more than half of the Nobel Prizes in Physiology or Medicine were given for research involving animals.”

—FOUNDATION FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

An extreme perspective

Yet for several years, UCLA researchers and administrators have been subjected to an organized campaign of harassment intended to halt the use of all animals in research. The extreme and violent methods employed by radical groups have gone far beyond freedom of speech. The firebombing of UCLA commuter vans and private vehicles owned by researchers, vandalism of homes, distribution of hate mail and death threats hardly qualify as “just another day at the office” for our employees. The FBI has defined the acts as domestic terrorism, and is diligently investigating these crimes.

Facts are stubborn things

The fact is that research involving animals at UCLA is undertaken thoughtfully and seriously for the mutual interest of mankind. The fact is it is not the first option at the university. The fact is it's undertaken legally, is highly monitored

and tightly regulated to meet all federal and university regulatory standards. The fact is that rigid oversight ensures scientific necessity and humane treatment. The fact is that good science depends on careful consideration of animal welfare because needless stress alters the results we gather—it jeopardizes years of valuable work and the ability to accurately apply the knowledge we acquire. The fact is that this work saves lives, restores lives and enhances lives for the nearly 7 billion individuals who inhabit our planet.

Steadfastly supporting our researchers and their research

In May 2009, UCLA obtained a permanent injunction that prohibits harassment of UCLA personnel involved in animal research. The university is vigorously enforcing the court order. In September 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger signed a law that provides essential new tools to help law enforcement agencies investigate and prosecute those found responsible for harassment or other illegal activity. UCLA fully understands the difference between responsible animal research and exploitation. The campus condemns in the strongest possible terms the deplorable tactics employed by anti-animal research extremists.

Add your name to the Pro-Test petition

UCLA needs and welcomes your support on this critical issue. While questioning our work is everyone's right, attacking our researchers and administrators is criminal. To add your name to thousands who've signed a Pro-Test petition that supports this necessary work, please visit www.raisingvoices.net.

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