

## Research Support Laboratories, Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology

### Authorship Guidelines

The purpose of this document is to help clarify when the involvement of Staff Scientists in a project reaches the level for which co-authorship on publications is warranted.

The IKI Research Support Labs must be acknowledged in all publications resulting from research carried out using IKI facilities and/or staff.

In addition, individual members of the Scientific Staff should be acknowledged whenever their assistance exceeds routine data collection, but is not at the level of affording co-authorship.

As in commonly accepted scientific practice, co-authorship is warranted whenever an individual has made a significant contribution to the scientific work being described.

According to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors ([ICMJE](#)), and the Biomolecular Resource Facilities ([ABRF](#)) the activities for which authorship is recommended can include the following:

- Conception and design of a project, critical input, or original ideas
- Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, and interpretation of data for the work beyond routine practices
- Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content
- Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved; approval of the final version to be published
- Writing a portion of the paper (not just the materials and methods section)

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Please note that research products (e.g., co-authorship on publications) are one of the key factors taken into account when our staff scientists are considered for promotion and tenure at the University.

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