

PRESS RELEASE

The Leather Research Laboratory at the University of Cincinnati will be hosting several educational opportunities in 2018:

Leather Orientation Course

This popular 2-Day course will take place at the Leather Research Laboratory on the campus of the University of Cincinnati and will cover a wide range of leather related issues such as physical structure, species identification, hide supply, wet-end and finishing operations, regulations, testing and customer acceptance issues. Attendees will be given an in-depth tour of the Leather Research Laboratory and will have a book with various leather samples to take home and use as a reference.

The cost of this course is \$955 per person with a discounted price of \$855 for additional participants from the same company. Date: April 4 - 5.

Raw Hide to Crust

This will be the second year we are offering this brand-new course in conjunction with the American Leather Chemists Association and the USDA Eastern Regional Research Center. The course uses the text from the ALCA Correspondence Course and draws on industry experts to give participants the skills necessary to transform raw hides into one of nature's most beautiful materials. The hands-on course will use the pilot tannery at the USDA's ERRC facility and is designed to be completed over two weeks.

Week One: Raw to Wet Blue section: May 14 - 18

Week Two: Wet Blue to Crust: section: July 16 - 19

The cost for this course is \$1600/person/week or \$2800/person for both weeks.

Contact: Louisa Passano at 513 242-6300 or email passanlb@ucmail.uc.edu or further information or to register for one of these courses. A more detailed agenda for these programs can be found on our website: www.leatherusa.org under the *Lab News* button.