



## Spring 2023

UC has some funding to develop infrastructure to support career development for **Postdocs** (those with doctoral degrees employed in temporary, mentored positions, regardless of HR title). Among other things, we will be holding events for National Postdoc Appreciation Week (September 18-22). Additional information will be posted on Bearcats Landing (<https://mailuc.sharepoint.com/sites/ResearchEthicsIntegrity/SitePages/Postdoctoral-Association.aspx>). If you are a postdoc and are interested in being more engaged, please let me know.

The NSF has established a **training requirement in the Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research for all undergraduates, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows (postdocs), faculty, and other senior personnel** supported by NSF. The scope of the training has been expanded to include research security risks as well as export controls, and disclosure and reporting requirements. When an NSF proposal is submitted, the university must certify that we have a plan to provide appropriate training; plans are not to be submitted with proposals but are subject to review upon request by NSF. All students, postdocs, faculty and other senior personnel supported by NSF are required to complete, at a minimum, CITI training in the Responsible (and Ethical) Conduct for Research. If you are supported by an NSF grant or contract you will receive an email with instructions on how to access. Training must be completed within 2 months.

Proposed changes in **Research Security regulations** could impact your work. The Office of Science and Technology Policy has requested comment on [research security program standard requirements](#), due June 5. A variety of organizations (COGR, AAU, APLU, ACE, AAMC, EDUCAUSE, and AUECO) developed this [document](#) to inform responses. In a similar vein, the NSF released a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) (<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2023/nsf23098/nsf23098.jsp>) requesting your input as they create the Research Security and Integrity Information Sharing Analysis Organization (RSI-ISAO).

We are here to facilitate your research. Feel free to reach out with suggestions, questions, or concerns.

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## **ANIMAL CARE AND USE PROGRAM**

### **Accreditation**

The triennial accreditation site visit and program review of UC's Animal Care and Use Program (ACUP) was completed successfully, we are awaiting formal notification from AAALAC Council; once received we will update the approval date for grants and contracts. Kudos to all involved!

### **Program Updates**

Christin Veeder, MLAS, VMD, DACLAM is serving as Attending Veterinarian (AV). Dr. Veeder has extensive experience as an AV, as an animal facility director, and as an IACUC member.

### **Compliance Reminders**

- Legs and feet (including toes) must be covered in order to enter LAMS facilities.
- Per [ACUP Policy 107](#), you must report the number of animals produced in breeding colonies to the IACUC Office by [updating breeding information](#) in [RAP AOPS](#), or by using the protocol-specific offspring reporting logs in the LAMS housing room logs.
- Only 2 ACUP trainings require triennial renewal: Occupational Health and Safety training and CITI "Working with the IACUC" module. Watch your email for reminders and ask ([iacuc@uc.edu](mailto:iacuc@uc.edu)) if you are uncertain. Current training is required.

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## **EXPORT CONTROLS, RESEARCH TRANSPARENCY, AND SECURITY**

Physical security measures protect important data (e.g., ITAR, CUI), and other restricted information, networks, software, equipment, facilities, and personnel. Three main factors impact physical security:

1. Nature (flood, tornado fire, etc.),
2. Deliberate attack, (terrorism, vandalism, theft)
3. Human error (i.e., accidental misuse or forgetting to properly secure data or equipment).

It is important to understand what type of data you're using and the associated physical security controls. Contact Export Control Officer Tina Bosworth or Cybersecurity Specialist Laura Elkin, to verify that you have the correct controls in place for projects.

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## **HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTIONS PROGRAM**

### **Current Templates and Forms**

To ensure you are using the current templates and forms download them from RAP whenever you are beginning a new submission.

### **Not Human Subjects Research Determinations**

The IRB does not provide retroactive human subject research determination. These determinations must be made prior to the start of study activities and must be submitted in the electronic system.

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## **LAB SAFETY NEWS**

### **BIOSAFETY**

Research involving human embryonic stem cells and certain human induced pluripotent cells research must be enrolled in the UC Human Pluripotent Stem Cell (hPSC) registry. The [hPSC Research overview](#) document should be reviewed by all personnel listed in the UC hPSC Registry. If you are unsure if your research needs UC hPSC registration, please contact the Biosafety Office for more information.

### **RADIATION SAFETY**

Prior to disposal, unrestricted use, transfer, repair, maintenance, or servicing of equipment that may be contaminated with radioactive material (RAM) you need a "Special Survey". The Special

Survey Request form is now on [Gamma 2.0](#). In Gamma 2.0, go to the “Survey” tab and select “Special Survey Request” from the dropdown menu. Press the “New Special Survey Request” button and input data into the form fields. Add detailed comments with special instruction or for anything out of the ordinary, then press the “Submit” button when finished. Upon completion of the Special Survey, the requestor will receive an email containing a link to the survey results.

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## **SAVE THE DATE & ONLINE RESOURCES**

**SAVE THE DATE: 25<sup>th</sup> Human Research Protections Conference.** Virtual Conference 12:00-4:00 PM ET November 2-3, 2023. Topics include: Artificial Intelligence; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; and Novel Research Technologies. Registration information to follow.

14 June 2023 [NIH Scientific Workforce Diversity Seminar Series: How Does Mentoring Impact Diversity in the Biomedical and Behavioral Research Workforce?](#)

[Faculty Enrichment Center \(FEC\)](#) – also open to non-faculty

6/8/2023 - [UC ORCID AWARENESS Day](#)

6/10/2023 - [ESRI's StoryMaps](#)

6/12/2023 - [Research Faculty Development \(RFD\): Logic Models: A Skill-Building Workshop to Improve Your Grant Proposals](#)

7/10/2023 - [Writing a Good Data Management Plan](#)

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