

Integrity Matters – Spring 2025

The world is changing rapidly. Every day feels like a sea change; perhaps devastating, possibly an opportunity; maybe some of both. UC leadership is continuously monitoring regulatory changes at the state and federal levels. Not sure where/how to track? You can find information regarding legislative changes here:

<https://www.uc.edu/about/president/office/governmental-relations/legislative-updates.html>

For changes that specifically impact research refer to:

<https://mailuc.sharepoint.com/:u:/r/sites/OfficeofResearch/SitePages/Federal-Agency-Updates-Under-New-Administration.aspx?csf=1&web=1&e=dDFQGW>

Remember to inform SRS (ospaward@uc.edu) immediately if you receive notifications of modified or terminated awards.

Looking for funding opportunities? GrantForward is a great resource

<https://www.grantforward.com/index> use your UC email address to create your account. If you have any questions about the service, please contact [Sarah Clift](#) or support@grantforward.com for assistance.

UC has resources to help you from Employee Assistance Programs

(<https://mailuc.sharepoint.com/sites/HR-Benefits/SitePages/Employee-Assistance-PLa.aspx> and training. If you need help, please ask.

Wishing all a happy, productive summer.

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

Mandatory Retraining

Due to multiple problems with rodent colony management, personnel working with rodents must attend OLAW retraining. Training includes two segments, a didactic portion followed by an applied workshop. Personnel listed on rodent protocols, but not entering the animal facility, are only required to attend the didactic portion. Reach out to animaltraining@ucmail.uc.edu or Dr. Chris O'Rourke orourke@ucmail.uc.edu with questions.

New/Updated ACUP Policies & Guidelines

- Rodent Colony Management now requires a water bottle and floor chow to newly weaned cages
- Policy 101 now requires training in physical euthanasia and principles in surgery within 90 days of initiation.

- Policy 117 defines the roles and responsibilities of principal investigators on IACUC approved protocols.
- New-Physical Euthanasia guidelines have been adopted
- Use of Adjuvants in Research describes the appropriate use of inflammatory agents

ACUP Reminders:

- **Satellite locations**, including food storage, must be listed in your IACUC protocol. The food must be marked with PI name, expiration date and if opened, it must be stored in a sealed sanitizable container. Review your protocol to ensure all locations where you use live animals or store diet are approved and maintained according to [Satellite Animal Use Areas and Diet Storage Locations Guidance](#).
- **Expired substances/compounds** may not be used in live animals. Expired items must be clearly labeled "NOT FOR USE IN ANIMALS" or "EXPIRED" OR "Terminal Procedure only" and segregated from unexpired supplies.
- Keep **door signage** current so that personnel are aware of potential hazards and take appropriate precautions.
- If you experience any change in employment status (for example – a change from student to employee) that results in a **new badge** being issued, you will need to contact animaltraining@uc.edu to request LAMS facility access.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

OBP/DEA License Termination

You must terminate your OBP/DEA licensure when you cease doing research using controlled substances at UC. You should begin this process at least 30 days before your planned departure date. [Learn more about the registration termination process.](#)

DEA Registration Reminders:

- It is illegal to use controlled substances for anything not described in your registration.
- Storage of controlled substances on campus is limited to those acquired using your UC DEA registration.
- Controlled substances must be stored in the secure location listed on your DEA registration.

EXPORT CONTROLS, RESEARCH TRANSPARENCY, AND SECURITY

Regulations for international travel are changing constantly. You must submit your international travel into Concur prior to your departure for funded travel with UC-owned equipment and is strongly recommended for personal travel. The Restricted Research team can help develop a plan to allow you to safely travel and avoid unnecessary issues. If you have any questions surrounding international travel, please reach out to exportco@ucmail.uc.edu.

HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION PROGRAM

New IRB Fee Structure Effective July 1, 2025

Starting July 1, 2025, updated fees will apply to all new industry-sponsored or externally funded studies. The revised structure includes: \$3,000 for Initial Review, \$5,000 for Fast-Track Review, and \$ 700 for Exempt Review. Additional fees apply for Continuing Review, study amendments, and reliance on commercial IRBs. [See full fee schedule in RAP IRB Library]. Contact irb@uc.edu

Updated Forms and Tools in RAP Library

Revised worksheets, checklists, and SOPs reflecting the new IRB fee structure are now available in the RAP IRB Library. These updated resources are designed to help you prepare submissions that align with the upcoming changes.

LAB SAFETY NEWS

NIH Guidelines & Recombinant Nucleic Acid Work

If funders are asking which NIH guidelines apply to your research, refer to Form A, Section III of your IBC protocol.

Storage of Potentially Biohazardous Materials

Storage (only) of human derived materials, animals (and animal derived materials) with zoonotic potential, and environmental samples from endemic areas may require registration with the IBC. These materials must be stored in a safe and secure location with limited access and the storage equipment/area must be labeled with a biohazard symbol. Please contact the [Biosafety Office](#) for guidance.

Teaching Labs – Safety Checklist

A [safety checklist](#) is available to facilitate teaching labs management of health and safety in classes involving hazardous or potentially hazardous materials (e.g. chemicals, microorganisms, human blood).

Lab Hazard Awareness Training

The [Lab Hazard Awareness](#) training is useful for those unfamiliar with a lab setting, such as rotating students and new staff. This training helps identify lab hazards (e.g. biological, chemical, radiological), and provides links to specific trainings and information.

The **Radiation Safety** Office (RSOf) must provide an annual report to each monitored person whose: occupational dose exceeds one millisievert (one hundred millirem) TEDE or one millisievert (one hundred millirem) to any individuals organ or tissue; or they request their annual dose report. No action or response is needed should someone receive a Form 5. To obtain your report email Terry.Lindley@UC.EDU or call (513) 558-4110.

SAVE THE DATE

27th Annual Human Research Protections Conference 2 Day (Virtual Conference): September 25, 12-4:30 PM and September 26, 9:00 AM -1:30 PM via Zoom