Integrity Matters – Winter 2026

Training to meet the regulatory mandate for export controls and research security training have been added to our CITI RCR module. Please visit Research How 2 for instructions on accessing the new courses.

UCFigshare now serves as the official **data repository** for all federally supported research at UC, enabling researchers to share and preserve data in line with FAIR principles. For more information, including when and how to use UCFigshare, please visit the UCFigshare webpage or email to figshare@ucmail.uc.edu. If Figshare won't work for your data the Libraries have additional data sharing resources here.

Melissa Moreau is UC's new Scholarly Communications Librarian. Melissa will be responsible for reviewing existing **open access data** and designing future open access funding opportunities. In addition, Melissa will support the development and maintenance of open educational resources and open access journals in digital formats including several of our publication platforms (e.g., Pressbooks and OJS). Reach out to Melissa (moreauma@ucmail.uc.edu) with questions about open access.

NIH is requesting public input on its proposal to establish **harmonized and transparent policy requirements for protecting human participant research data**. Responses will be accepted through March 4, 2026.

NSF is seeking public input on a proposed $100 million workforce development initiative to expand training and education pathways for trade and skilled workers to address workforce shortages and support domestic investments in advanced manufacturing and energy through February 13, 2026.

 NASA has announced invites stakeholders **to help NASA prioritize critical technology development needs**, known as shortfalls. Comments accepted through February 20, 2026.

NSF has announced is seeking community input on efficient, cost-effective approaches for managing atmospheric observing systems, computing and cyberinfrastructure, and training in weather and space weather modeling and forecasting. Comments accepted through March 13, 2026.

DOE is soliciting strategies to accomplish the Genesis Mission. It also seeks input on developing a skilled American workforce to **advance artificial intelligence (AI)** in science and engineering. Several of the RFI's questions are specific to university workforce development and research contributions. Deadline to submit comments is March 4, 2026

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and productive 2026.

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

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Research Integrity Officer

ANIMAL CARE AND USE PROGRAM

The Animal Care and Use Program will have our triennial **AAALAC** accreditation review **March 24-26**. This is a great time to review your approved IACUC protocol (memories are imperfect). Please be honest with site visitors, if you don't know, don't guess, but know where to find the information (when in doubt ask your PI, LAMS, or the IACUC Office).

For those who use **shared autoclaves** for sterilizing animal research related supplies the IACUC will be inspecting those locations for **proof of validation** and posted documentation prior to the AAALAC site visit.

Spring **Semiannual Inspections** will occur for all animal use satellite locations March 2-6, 2026. Once finalized the schedule will be communicated via email.

The office of Government Cost Compliance (GCC) has approved new LAMS rates effective 7/1/2026. Please visit Research How 2 for these new rates. If you have any questions, please contact GCC.

RAP-Ready training is 75% complete. Thanks to everyone who has completed training and provided feedback on how to improve RAP.

NEW LAMS Husbandry Contacts:
Operational questions/needs: Brandon Lay (laymb@ucmail.uc.edu)
Husbandry personnel needs/questions: Brandon Lay
Facility infrastructure issues: Tim Baechle (baechltj@ucmail.uc.edu)
Equipment needs (hoods, caging, etc.): Tim Baechle
AOPS assistance: Amy Sundstrom (sundstam@ucmail.uc.edu, primary), Tim Baechle (secondary)
Rodent import/export nonapproved vendors: Kimbery Bovat (richark3@ucmail.uc.edu)
New facility training: animaltraining@ucmail.uc.edu
Reading Campus issues/concerns: Amy Sundstrom
If you are unsure, email LAMS-husbandry@uc.edu or stop at LAMS Office.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

OBP TDDD License Renewal
Many OBP TDDD licenses will expire on March 31, 2026. You will be charged a late fee if you renew after the expiration date. Please ensure you renew in a timely manner.

Controlled substance records must be maintained for 5 years to comply with state and UC record retention. These records include ordering/purchasing records (including copies of DEA Form 222), theft/loss records (including copies of DEA Form 106), inventory, administration, and use records, transfer and waste/disposal records (including copies of DEA Form 41), and authorized agent records.

EXPORT CONTROLS, RESEARCH TRANSPARENCY, AND SECURITY

Conflicts of Interest/OAR
Watch for reminders to complete your 2025-2026 Outside Activity Report (OAR). These must be updated annually on a rolling basis, so if you last updated your OAR in January 2025 it's time to do so again. The **Office of Research Security and Ethics** (RSE) will be providing updated guidance to supervisors on the review and approval process. If you have any questions, please email OARquestions@uc.edu.

RSE protects your research by ensuring that collaborators are not restricted parties (countries/persons of concern, part of Maligned Foreign Talent Recruitment entities, etc.); facilitating collaboration reporting; assisting with Export Control regulations, shipping items, sharing data and information; assisting with research security risk assessments; evaluating conflicts of interest; and assisting with data protection. You can reach us at research_security@uc.edu.

HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION PROGRAM

Exempt Research Consent Templates
For studies that meet an exempt research category, investigators must still provide participants with clear and appropriate information. Be sure to use the approved consent and information sheet templates available in the RAP library to ensure consistency and compliance.

Principal Investigator Changes
A change in Principal Investigator (PI) is not considered a minor modification. Submissions must demonstrate that the proposed new PI has the appropriate qualifications, experience, and credentials to oversee the study, with supporting documentation clearly reflecting this information.

FDA-Regulated Medical Devices
The U.S. FDA regulates medical devices, including those involving artificial intelligence algorithms, software, and assays. Investigators should contact IRB@uc.edu early to confirm whether FDA regulations apply and to ensure the correct forms and review pathways are used.

LAB SAFETY NEWS

Biosafety Inspection Guide
A Lab Inspection Guide has been created to help with lab inspection preparation. It provides the rationale behind the requirements within the Inspection Checklist explaining how to comply with each item, with the resources and regulations from which each requirement was derived.

Biosafety Inspection Report
Biosafety lab inspection reporting has transitioned to REDCap. PIs can ow easily provide responses to inspection findings, attach pictures of corrected issues and digitally provide copies of training certificates.

Radiation Safety
Please ensure your Outlook or preferred email application allows receipt of emails from the sender "Web.Central@UC.Edu". The training system used by the RSOf (as well as other OoR departments) to

track and host regulatory training uses this email account to send automated training due date reminders as well as provide training certificate upon workshop completion.

SAVE THE DATE

UC Libraries is offering a **systematic review workshop series** starting January 27, 2026. This 10-part series will cover: Methodology & Guidelines, Searching, Covidence, and more. Attendance at each session is not required - pick and choose those that best fit your needs.
Registration and more information can be found in the attached flier and [online](#). Zoom details will be shared with registrants closer to the session dates.

[The Future of Research Ethics: Threats & Opportunities](#)
Free webinar from 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM ET on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 via Zoom. Topics include the current state of research ethics, how to strengthen IRBs and research oversight, actions to promote trustworthy science, ways to advance ethics in community-engaged research, and how research ethics should evolve to manage emerging technologies. For more information and to register [here](#).
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