

Resources



Research Misconduct

All allegations of research misconduct (falsification, fabrication, or plagiarism) should be reported to the Office of Research Integrity. Once an allegation is received subsequent steps will follow the policy and regulations established by the Board of Regents (09.01.09).

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

All researchers are expected to abide by professional and ethical standards appropriate to their discipline. Principal investigators are expected to lead by example and to mentor trainees in RCR. Some sponsors require supported trainees to complete formal RCR training; contact the Office of Research Integrity for more information on RCR topics, upcoming training events, and sponsor requirements.

Supervising Minors

The University encourages the involvement of k-12 students in age appropriate activities on campus. However, certain procedures must be followed before minors (under 18) are allowed access to a research lab. For more information visit the Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management website or contact the UAF Risk Manager.

Time & Effort Reporting

Principal investigators are responsible for providing reasonable estimates of the effort necessary to carry out the work described in a proposal. If funded, the Principal Investigator is responsible for ensuring that personnel salary distributions reflect actual time spent on project work. For help with proposal preparation contact the Office of Sponsored Programs. Contact the Office of Grants and Contracts Administration for post-award changes to effort reporting or allocations.

For information and assistance in identifying and meeting your compliance requirements please contact the following offices.

Research Integrity

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Email: fyori@uaf.edu
Homepage: <http://www.uaf.edu/ori>
IACUC: <http://www.uaf.edu/iacuc/>
IRB: <http://www.uaf.edu/irb/>
IBC: <http://www.uaf.edu/ibc/>

Sponsored Programs (Pre-Award)

Phone: 907-474-1851
Email: fyosp@uaf.edu
Homepage: <http://www.uaf.edu/osp/>

Technology Transfer

Phone: 907-474-7765
Email: Diane.McLean@alaska.edu
Homepage: <http://www.uaf.edu/ott/>

Grants & Contracts Administration (Post-Award)

Phone: 907-474-7301
Email: fygrcon@uaf.edu
Homepage: <http://www.uaf.edu/grcon/>

Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management

Phone: 907-474-5413
Email: fysafety@uaf.edu
Homepage: <http://www.uaf.edu/safety/>

Procurement and Contract Services

Phone: 907-474-7315
Email: john.hebard@alaska.edu
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UA General Counsel

Phone: 907-450-8080
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2010 PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR RESOURCE GUIDE

Research and scholarly activities are subject to a wide range of Federal and State laws and regulations, as well as Sponsor and Institutional policies and procedures. It is the responsibility of the University and the Principal Investigator (PI) to insure that compliance requirements are met.

The information on the following pages is a brief overview of compliance issues that may apply to your activities. This guide is designed as a quick reference concerning these topics. Please refer to the resources on the back for more detailed information.

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Allowable Costs & Financial Oversight

The PI is responsible for ensuring that expenses charged to a project are reasonable and allowed by the terms of the award. Unit staff can provide valuable assistance, but the Office of Grants and Contracts Administration is ultimately responsible for financial oversight.

Animal Care & Use

The UAF animal care and use program is administered by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI). Use of live vertebrates must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Personnel must complete training and enroll in the animal facility Occupational Health & Safety Program prior to working with live animals. Concerns about animal welfare should be directed to ORI. For more information contact ORI or visit the IACUC website.

Biohazards

The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) administers the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC). Work with biohazards (infectious agents, recombinant DNA, and genetically modified organisms) is subject to the review and approval of the IBC and must be conducted in a space approved by the Biosafety Officer. Personnel must complete project specific training before working with biohazards. For more information contact ORI or visit the IBC website.

Closeout

Most sponsors have closeout requirements specified in the award document. Contact the Office of Grants and Contracts Administration for information on particular sponsor or award requirements.

Conflict of Interest

All personnel are required to report potential conflicts of interest to the appropriate central office. Conflicts are not inherently bad and will not typically preclude participation on a given project. Once identified, UAF

will work with the individual to develop a plan to manage the conflict. Contact the Office of Research Integrity or the Office of Sponsored Programs for more information.

Cost-sharing (Match)

Cost-sharing is a commitment made by UAF to provide specific resources to support a project. UAF is only responsible for meeting the cost-sharing commitment if the project is ultimately funded. If you plan to respond to a solicitation or announcement that requires cost-sharing contact the Office of Sponsored Programs for assistance.

Export Controls

Export control regulations are administered by several Federal agencies and impose access, dissemination, and participation restrictions on the transfer or sharing of controlled items, information, and services. These export regulations also restrict activities with certain countries. For more information contact the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) or visit the ORI website.

Human Subject Research

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is responsible for protecting the rights of people in research projects. Exemption or approval of the IRB must be obtained before the research starts. Researchers must complete an IRB approved training program before recruiting or enrolling subjects, or working with a subject's identifiable data. Concerns about subject protections should be directed to the Office of Research Integrity (ORI). More information is available on the IRB website or by contacting the ORI.

Intellectual Property (IP)

Inventions arising from funded activities or created using UAF resources must be promptly disclosed to the Office of Technology Transfer (OTT). OTT assists faculty with IP issues, such as copyright and trademark, and handles material transfer and non-disclosure agreements on behalf of UAF. For more information contact OTT or visit the OTT website.

Laboratory & Field Safety

There are many hazards associated with conducting field or laboratory based research. It is the PI's responsibility to ensure that hazards are properly identified, labeled, and stored, and that personnel complete all required safety training before beginning work in the lab or going into the field. The PI's must also make sure personnel are provided and use personal protective equipment. For more information visit the Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management website or contact a safety officer.

Occupational Health

UAF maintains an Occupational Health & Safety Program (OHSP) for employees. This program provides medical services as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration at no cost to the employee. The OHSP is the responsibility of Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management (EHS&RM); more information is available on the EHS&RM website or from the Industrial Hygienist.

Radiation Safety

Use of radioactive materials and sources is subject to the approval of the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and UAF's Nuclear Regulatory Commission license. More information is available on the Radiation Safety page of the Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management website.

Reporting Requirements

Most sponsors require progress reports on supported activities in addition to financial reports. It is the PI's responsibility to submit technical/progress reports to the sponsor and provide copies to their unit business office in a timely manner. Financial reports are prepared and submitted by the Office of Grants and Contracts Administration. Contact the assigned grant technician for more information.