

New Research Policies

As the University moves forward as a comprehensive research institution it is critical that our research policies reflect best practices and are in compliance with federal mandates. To that end, we are writing to bring to your attention three new research policies recently adopted. Brief descriptions of each follow, along with a schedule of information sessions designed to answer questions about these new policies and their implementation.

Please contact Ruth.Farrell@uvm.edu (656-3360) if you would like to arrange a different time for an information session specifically for your department or academic unit.

Policy on the Use of University Research Facilities and Equipment by External Users

The University's research facilities may provide unique opportunities to increase the entrepreneurial capacity of Vermont's small businesses and the research competitiveness of its baccalaureate colleges. Moreover, University faculty, staff, and students may benefit from interactions with Vermont's small businesses and baccalaureate colleges. However, care must be taken that use of University research facilities or equipment by external users will not disrupt regular academic, laboratory, or research programs of the University. This policy outlines conditions under which the University will make its research facilities available to others.

The complete policy is available on the University's policy website:
<http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/?Page=http://www.uvm.edu/%7Euvmppg/ppg/grants/researchfacil.html>

Information sessions on this policy are scheduled for

Monday October 2nd, noon in Memorial Lounge

Thursday, October 5th, 3:00 p.m. in Old Mill, John Dewey Lounge

Policy on Related Significant Financial Interest in Research and Scholarly Activity

This policy supersedes the research conflict of interest policy instituted in 1995, designed at that time to comply with PHS and NSF regulations. The new policy extends potential conflict of interest disclosure requirements to all externally funded research and, as with the earlier policy, requires that conflicts be reduced, managed, or eliminated, if appropriate, prior to the acceptance of an award.

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<http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/?Page=http://www.uvm.edu/%7Euvmppg/ppg/grants/researchcoi.html>

Information sessions on this policy are scheduled for:

Monday, October 9th, noon in Waterman 427A

Tuesday, October 10th, 10:30 a.m. in HSRF Conference Room 300

Thursday, October 12th, 2:00 p.m. in Waterman 427A

Policy on Export Controls

Since the events of September 11, 2001, the federal government has become increasingly concerned with protecting information and technology from disclosure by universities, the release of which could hamper the U.S. economy or contributes to the military potential of U.S. adversaries. While there are exclusions covering much University research, not all research may be exempt from these requirements and there are times when licenses may be required before engaging in certain activities. The University's policy on export controls is intended to reaffirm the University's intention to comply with export control requirements.

The complete policy is available on the University's policy website:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmppg/ppg/?Page=http://www.uvm.edu/%7Euvmppg/ppg/grants/export.html>

Information sessions on this policy are scheduled for

Tuesday, October 17th, noon in Waterman 427A

Friday, October 20th, 1:30 p.m. in HSRF Conference Room 300