



Office of Research Compliance & Integrity

The Office of Research Compliance and Integrity (RCI) has a duty to provide broad oversight, resources, training and education for the integrity and compliance issues relating to the conduct of research practices at the University of California, Merced.

RCI facilitates and betters the research community at UC Merced by:

- Implementing policy and procedural requirements governing research misconduct, conflicts of interest, human-subject research, animal-subject research, stem-cell research and export controls in accordance with state, federal and University of California laws and regulations;
- Providing education, training and resources to faculty and staff members, other researchers and students in research compliance and the responsible conduct of research;
- Formulating and supervising recommendations regarding ethical practices and professional, federal, state and all other policies or requirements relating to research; and
- Creating, maintaining and improving the UC Merced research integrity and compliance infrastructure.

RCI Services:

Conflict of Interest (COI): Management of COIs in Research	Institutional Review Board (IRB): Oversight of human subject research protections program
Data Management: Guidance on data management including storage, sharing dispositions, proposal plans, etc..	Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR): Provide federally mandated RCR training to researchers funded to conduct research or supervise student researchers
Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC): Oversight of dual use research	Research Misconduct: Investigates allegations of research misconduct
Export Controls: Guidance and oversight for technology, materials or ideas shipped or taken to other countries	Stem Cell Research Oversight (SCRO): Oversight of human stem cell research
Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC): Oversight of animal research protections program	

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