RESEARCH INTEGRITY
Thanks to a fruitful collaboration with the Graduate School and College Conservatory of Music's Electronic Media program we have created a series of video vignettes that showcase our creativity, highlight the importance of performing research ethically and safely, and demonstrate our commitment to research excellence. We hope that you enjoy our existing videos, and welcome suggestions for future topics.

NIH MANDATES FOR RIGOR AND TRANSPARENCY
Effective May 2016 applicants must use the new "Authentication of key biological and/or chemical resources".

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORTS
Employees in the College of Medicine/Hoxworth will be required to complete their annual disclosure form (Outside Activity Report, OAR) describing any collateral employment and other outside activities between August 1 and September 2, 2016. All colleges and units except College of Medicine/Hoxworth must complete their OARs between October 3 and November 4, 2016. Disclosure responses are confidential. Please answer all questions honestly and completely. It is generally prudent to disclose rather than not disclose. If you do not have specific information a reasonable estimate is appropriate.
As part of completing the OAR all researchers will be required to complete an updated online Conflict of Interest Training. The link to the online training is in the OAR and can also be found on the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) website. Please contact oarquestions@uc.edu or the Conflict of Interest Office at 558-4160 or coi@uc.edu with questions or concerns.

YOUR DIGITAL IDENTITY
Most of us have encountered authors with similar or identical names which can be problematic. The use of a single digital ID that uniquely and consistently identifies individual researchers across digital platforms ensures appropriate attribution and reduces effort for administrative and reporting requirements. One leader in unique digital identities is ORCID. ORCID's vision is a world where all who participate in research, scholarship, and innovation are uniquely identified and connected to their contributions across disciplines, borders, and time. Granting agencies and the publishing industry are moving towards the use ORCID unique identifications. IT@UC in partnership with the Office of Research and University Libraries is working to ensure that UC is prepared for the use of ORCID for research and scholarly activities. The joint effort will ensure integration of ORCID in university systems. Institutional membership has been purchased and piloting has begun.

As always, if you have a suggestion that will help us to help you, please contact us at research.compliance@uc.edu.

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Facility Access
You must swipe your badge every time you enter an animal facility, ‘tailgating’ is prohibited. Anyone working with animals for more than 14 days must complete both IACUC and LAMS training including a skills assessment and be added to the IACUC protocol before working with animals. People who will be at UC for less than 14 days must complete limited training and must always be accompanied by someone who is fully trained and listed in the approved IACUC protocol. If you have questions or would like to schedule training please contact LAMS.

Changes for NIH applications
NIH has added additional forms for applications involving vertebrate animals.

BIOSAFETY NEWS

IBC Training Requirements
Personnel who are listed on IBC protocols involving human derived materials are required to complete OSHA Blood Borne Pathogen training at least every twelve months. This training is primarily offered by the EHS office at http://www.ehs.uc.edu/itc/compliance.asp, but documentation of successful completion of alternative training may be presented to the Biosafety Office. Additionally, individuals who may be working on experiments involving viral vectors are required to complete the online viral vector training modules and forward their training assurance forms to the Biosafety Office. Individuals who have not completed required training may not physically work on the associated projects until training is completed.

EXPORT CONTROLS UPDATE

Travel to Iran
If you are planning to travel to Iran as part of your association with UC (e.g. attend or present at a conference) federal law mandates that you first obtain an export license from the Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Asset Controls (OFAC). A license can take up to a year or longer to receive. If you have upcoming travel to Iran for work, please contact the Export Controls Office at Exportco@uc.edu.

Hosting Foreign Military Personnel
Working with people who are not US citizens or green card holders with military affiliations may be considered providing defense services. The Export Controls Office can help you interpret the regulations and mitigate your risk including obtaining a license from the Department of State Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) if necessary.

For information and further guidance, please visit the UC Export Controls website or contact Exportco@uc.edu.

HRPP NEWS

Survey Research
Are you interested in conducting a survey for a large university population? The Office of Institutional Research (OIR), housed within the Office of the Provost, provides routine and ad-hoc reports and analysis to executive management to meet federal and state reporting requirements as well as assist in informed decision-making at the University of Cincinnati. Data collection and reports include but are not limited to those pertaining to enrollment, retention rates, graduation rates, employee population, as well as attitudes, beliefs and behaviors regarding university programs and policies. OIR may have the data you seek, or be able to facilitate obtaining it. Please visit the OIR website below for further information. http://www.uc.edu/provost/about-us/profile/institutional_research.html

NIH Single IRB Policy for Multi-Site Research
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has finalized its Policy on the Use of a Single Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Record for Multi-Site Research. This policy requires that NIH funded multi-site studies involving nonexempt human subjects research use a single IRB (sIRB) for all competing grant applications (new, renewal, revision, or resubmission) and all contract solicitations on or after May 25, 2017.
Texting Research Participants
IRB must approve all interactions with research participants, including texting. While the IRB does not need to review specific content of each text, the protocol and consent form must describe how this method of contacting subjects will be used in the study. The primary concern related to contacting subjects is with informational risks that could result in the unauthorized disclosure of illegal behavior, substance abuse, or chronic illness. If texting will be used to contact subjects, the protocol and consent form must address any privacy concerns such as multiple people sharing one number/device. Investigators must also inform participants that there may be costs associated with texting (e.g. text messaging fees). The IRB also recommends that subjects be given the opportunity to opt out of receiving text messages.

Payments to Participants
Researchers are strongly encouraged to use Greenphire ClinCards to compensate or reimburse research study participants. It is not recommended to use gift cards or petty cash, except under exceptional circumstances. Benefits of using Greenphire include: participant satisfaction, quick and easy access to funds, the ability to replace lost/stolen cards, and ease of IRS reporting. Greenphire ClinCards cost $1 to load a card, with an additional one-time fee of $3.85 per card. The cost of the Greenphire cards should be included in your study budget and covered by the Sponsor. Please contact Anthony Rogers in UCHealth Office of Clinical Research if you have questions.

Extended IRB Approvals
Certain non-exempt research approvals no longer require annual review. When protocols are submitted for annual or continuing review the following criteria will be used to determine if the study qualifies for an extended approval period, the study must meet all of the following criteria:

- The research involves no federal funding including sub-awards, no federal training grants, and no federal program project grants including Veterans Administration facilities and/or personnel
- There are no clinical interventions (no blood draws, physical tests, or procedures)
- There are no FDA-regulated components, no drugs, devices, unapproved diagnostic kits, or FDA-required registries
- There are no funding restrictions prohibiting an extended review period
- No data will be submitted to the NIH GWAS data repository
- The research does not involve prisoners or parolees
- The research is not covered by a Certificate of Confidentiality
- The research was not reviewed by the convened IRB at any point
- UC is not serving as the IRB of record of that study for a collaborating institution

Qualifying studies issued an extended approval must submit a continuing review 30 days prior to the end of the approval period. Changes and modifications to the research must be submitted as amendments. Research receiving extended approval remains subject to all applicable UC policies and procedures, including HIPAA, COI, reporting requirements, etc. It is the responsibility of the PI to report to the IRB changes in the contractual obligations that preclude extended approval times as well as funding or sponsorship that involve federal agencies.

Continuing Reviews in ePas
In order to close a study or change the status (i.e., enrolling, data analysis only, etc.) you must submit a continuing review; amendments and/or reportable events cannot be used to close or suspend a study.

RADIATION SAFETY

Warm Weather PPE
Shorts and skirts with bare legs, and open-toed shoes (e.g., sandals) do not provide adequate protection should an accident involving radioactive material (RAM), biologics, or chemicals occur. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn to protect an individual and no skin should be exposed where the possibility exists for contamination. Proper protection is always important.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Human Subjects Protection Conference
The 18th Annual Human Subjects Protection Conference will take place on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Topics on this year’s agenda include privacy and big data, healthcare and technology, researcher reviewed by the NASA IRB, patient-centric research and participant engagement. To register, visit www.cincinnatichildrens.org/cme and click the “Continuing Education Portal” link on the right. For more information, view the full conference brochure.