Do you conduct international research?

We value international collaboration. Engagement with our academic partners around the world enhances the quality of research and furthers scientific discovery. However, you may have recently heard that federal agencies are taking an increased interest in academic researchers and their international collaborations. Fortunately, UC is dedicated to supporting its researchers and has put together this tool with FAQs and resources for you. If you do any of the following, this information is for you!

Are you collaborating globally?

Shipping
Do you ship outside the U.S.? Avoid delays and potential fines by contacting your local Export Control Office.

Shipping to China, Russia, or Venezuela?
An export declaration to the U.S. government is required when shipping most items (except published documents) to these countries.

Working with Cuba, Iran, or Syria?
You may need special permission from the U.S. government before engaging with these countries.

Visiting Scholars
Hosting scholars from other countries and they are working on your federally sponsored research? Disclosures may be required.

Contact: Your local campus expert, Garrett Eaton or Marci Copeland for advice on requirements.

Are you sharing materials, ideas or information?

Data Integrity
Identify sensitive research data, and back up your data in a secure environment such as a secure cloud server. Unsecured data can be compromised and manipulated, making it unusable. Contact: Your local campus expert.

Transfers and Sharing of Intangible Research Materials
You may need an export license prior to sharing intangible items, including:

- Software, algorithms, encryption code, unpublished data, information not in the public domain, patented information or third-party intellectual property.

See here for exemptions. Ask your local campus expert for advice.

UC and sponsors of research have many disclosure requirements

Conflict of Commitment
Outside professional activities must be reported in UC OATS and some require prior approval. Visit your campus help page on the UC OATS portal found here for contact information.

Are you receiving extramural research funding?
Federal funding agencies are closely reviewing the completeness of disclosures in proposals and throughout the life-cycle of contracts and grants.
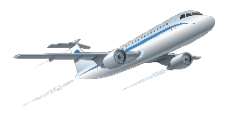
You should be aware of the following Contract & Grants Disclosure updated requirements:
- Other Support includes all resources, foreign and domestic, made available to a researcher in support of or related to all of their research endeavors, even non-monetary value support, such as in-kind.
- Biographical Sketches include positions, scientific appointments, foreign affiliations, and honors, including positions with no remuneration or voluntary.
- Conflict of Interest disclosures in accordance with UC and sponsor Conflict of Interest policies are part of the overall disclosure requirements for UC researchers.

Contact your sponsored projects office or department for information about sponsor disclosure expectations.

Contact: Your local campus expert, Deborah Motton or Shanda Hunt.

Are you traveling internationally?

Data Protection
If you are traveling with electronic devices, you can take some of the following steps to protect your information:
- Leave your data or device at home or use a loaner where available.
- Back up your data.

You or your IT administrator can also set up a Virtual Private Network (VPN) or encrypt your hard drive. Additional IT security guidance can be found here.

Travel Safety
Ask your risk management office for guidance.

Travel Insurance
Travel insurance is available for UC business travel. More information can be found here.

Hand Carrying Research Materials, Samples or Equipment
Exports, including items that are hand-carried, are subject to legal requirements. Ask your local campus expert for assistance.