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*Happy New Year and welcome to the first Quarterly
Research Integrity Newsletter!*

News & Announcements

COVID-19 Resources for UCSB Researchers

- [OR Information for Campus Researchers](#) - *updated 12/4*
- [Human Subjects Research Information](#) - *update coming soon!*

OHRP Updates Single IRB Requirements in Response to COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) has determined that, for studies that are conducted or supported by HHS and subject to the 2018 Requirements, and for purposes of 45 CFR 46.114(b) (2)(ii), an exception to the requirement to use a single IRB is appropriate for certain eligible cooperative research.

[Read More about Eligibility for Exceptions to sIRB](#)

Upcoming Reaccreditation Site Visit for the Institutional Animal Care and Use Program

AAALAC previously planned to conduct the University's animal care and use program reaccreditation site visit in the spring/summer of 2020. As of now, AAALAC is planning to visit on March 15th & 16th, 2021. While we are working with AAALAC to conduct as much of the visit as remotely as possible, site visitors will need to visually inspect each area on campus where vertebrate animals are used. The IACUC Coordinator will be in contact to coordinate a schedule and discuss the COVID safety precautions we will be taking during the visit.

Changes to Animal User Occupational Health and Safety Enrollment

We are still unable to accept electronic copies of the form at this time, so a hard copy must be sent to Sansum Occupational Medicine. All OHS evaluation forms must now be sent directly to the OHS Physician at Sansum Clinic. **Mailing instructions** are included in the form. The IACUC will still be notified of any recommendations and the outcome of evaluation.

Resumption of Basic Training for New Animal Users

Basic training for new animal users has resumed. Researcher Training Checklists must now be submitted electronically to the IACUC Coordinator, and a discussion of the training with the IACUC Coordinator will take place via Zoom. New animal users must obtain permission from their building committee prior to entering any buildings on campus.

Best Practices for Navigating Potential Conflicts of Interest

To help researchers better understand how to promote transparency in relation to outside financial interests and relationships, we have created a list of best practices for addressing potential conflicts of interest.

[Read More about *Best Practices*](#)

International Shipping and Export Control

International shipments must comply with export control laws. Shipments of some items to certain countries may require a license from the U.S. government.

The campus Export Control Officer can help you determine when you need a license to ship or hand carry items (e.g., equipment, samples, fabricated parts, etc.) to international destinations. The applicability of the regulations to the items you are shipping or hand carrying depend on what the item is, where the item is going, and who will be receiving the item.

[Read More about *International Shipping*](#)

Meet the New Research Integrity Specialists!

Rebeca Lopez - Rebeca joined the Office of Research in March 2020 as a Human Subjects Specialist. Prior to this she worked as Human Subjects Coordinator in the Psychology Department at Stanford University for 6 years. Rebeca supports researchers through the human subjects review process and provides guidance and advice on human subject research projects. She received her MPH degree from

CSU Fresno and worked in graduate medical education (UCSF Fresno) prior to her experiences in higher ed.

Erin Hakim - Erin joined the Office of Research in March 2020 where she serves as the Conflict of Interest Administrator and Global Engagement Specialist. Prior to this Erin worked at UCLA for 9 years at the School of Dentistry and then the International Institute. Erin's responsibilities are split between serving as the COI Administrator, where she supports researchers and departments with the COI process and serving as the Global Engagement Specialist, where she coordinates the review of international MOUs and international visits. She has a BA in International Studies and Chinese language and is pursuing an MBA

The Research Integrity Team supports UC Santa Barbara researchers in the following areas: Animal Subjects, Human Subjects, Export Control, Financial Conflicts of Interest, Research Ethics, and Stem Cell Research.

Upcoming Events

Interested in hosting a human subjects webinar? Contact the [HS Staff](#) to schedule a webinar today!

Stay in Touch!

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Human Subjects @ hsc@research.ucsb.edu

Conflict of Interest @ coi@research.ucsb.edu

Export Control @ exportcontrol@research.ucsb.edu

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