Research Compliance and Regulatory Oversight

The Tuskegee University Office of Grantsmanship and Compliance, within the Division of Research, Sponsored Programs and Innovation, oversees research compliance programs and committees to ensure that research activities are conducted in accordance with applicable federal regulations, sponsor requirements, and university policies.

Congruency Review

Prior to award activation and the expenditure of project funds, the Office of Grantsmanship and Compliance coordinates congruency reviews to ensure that research activities described in sponsored project applications are consistent with the protocols or applications approved by the **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)** and, when applicable, the **Institutional Review Board (IRB).** This review helps ensure that all required regulatory approvals have been obtained and documented before research activities commence.

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) oversees activities involving vertebrate animals to ensure compliance with Public Health Service (PHS) Policy, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) guidance, and USDA Animal Welfare Regulations. The committee reviews animal use applications, conducts protocol oversight, and promotes the humane care and use of animals in research, teaching, and testing.

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviews and oversees research involving human participants to ensure the protection of participant rights, welfare, and privacy. The IRB ensures compliance with applicable federal regulations, ethical principles, and institutional requirements governing human subjects research.

Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)

The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) reviews research involving recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules, biohazardous materials, infectious agents, and other biological materials. The committee promotes safe laboratory practices and compliance with applicable biosafety regulations and guidelines.

Radiation Safety Committee (RSC)

The Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) oversees the safe use, handling, storage, and disposal of radioactive materials and radiation-producing equipment. The committee supports regulatory compliance and promotes a safe environment for research and teaching activities.

Research Misconduct

The Research Misconduct Program administers university policies and procedures for addressing allegations of fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism in research. The program promotes research integrity and ensures that allegations are reviewed in accordance with federal regulations and institutional policies.

Training and Education

The Office of Grantsmanship and Compliance provides an annual fall training program for investigators, research personnel, staff, and students involved in research activities. Training covers regulatory requirements, research integrity, investigator responsibilities, and the ethical conduct of research, including topics related to human subjects' protections, animal welfare, biosafety, radiation safety, and research misconduct.

The Office also provides training and guidance on the submission and review processes for IACUC, IRB, and other regulatory committee applications. Investigators receive assistance with application preparation, submission requirements, review procedures, approval processes, and investigator responsibilities to help ensure compliance with applicable federal regulations, sponsor requirements, and university policies.