



Guiding Principles of Research Compliance

- The Texas A&M University System is committed to the protection of human and animal subjects involved in research, to the safety of our faculty, staff, and students involved in conducting research, and to the welfare of the public.
- We all share responsibility for continuously striving to proactively, collaboratively, and transparently support and strengthen both our culture of research compliance and our research compliance monitoring programs, while at the same time facilitating an environment that is fundamentally supportive of competitive research.
- We understand that our capacity to carry out competitive research and receive research funding is dependent on our capacity to demonstrate that we have a fundamental commitment to research compliance, a robust infrastructure to support research compliance, and effective programs and processes to verify that compliance.
- It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigators (PIs) to carry out their research in compliance with all federal, state, and university requirements, with approval from the appropriate university committee, such as the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC), and Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- It is the responsibility of each Texas A&M System member—represented by department heads, deans, senior leadership, other administrative officials, and the Institutional Official—to facilitate monitoring of research compliance, to support communication of PI compliance issues, and, when necessary, to take active measures to ensure compliance.