

Research Compliance

Mission/Description

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE - Although the office deals with Federal, State, System, and Agency compliance issues, the emphasis is on compliance as it has been promulgated by the Federal government. In order to comply with the wide variety of policies, TEES researchers need to be knowledgeable about the boundary conditions of limitations that exist. With the proper information and guidance, research staff can avoid pitfalls and enjoy more efficient and effective programs. It is with that perspective that TEES has begun an effort to communicate some of the constraints that is faced in administering and managing research.

The major areas that are monitored include research involving human subjects or animals, conflict of interest, biohazardous substances, chemical hazards, radiation and, of Course, expenditures. The Federal agencies specify how federal funds may be spent, require training, such as in ethics, drug free work place requirements, implementation of ADA regulations, etc. Monitoring and providing assistance or guidance to all of these are the responsibility of the office of compliance.

OFFICE OF POLICY ADMINISTRATION - The Texas A&M System Board of Regents establishes policy for all System members. The System Administrative and General Office (SAGO) provides additional details in terms of System Regulations. To make the policies and regulations more specific to each system component and with the requisite details, Rules are developed at the component level, subject to the approval of SAGO and the office of the General Counsel. TEES has created several Rules to establish operating boundaries and several standard administrative procedures (SAPs) to further guide the activities at TEES.

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