

RESEARCH RULES
AND
REGULATIONS

Whereas, the Galveston College Board of Regents encourages research and the development of creative and imaginative educational programs; and whereas, the President or designee shall from time to time request budget appropriations or seek outside funding for such research and development projects, the President or designee shall be responsible for developing administrative rules and regulations at Galveston College governing such research projects, including rules and regulations governing research activities that involve human subjects.

The President or designee shall create an Institutional Review Board (IRB) to review both internal and external requests for research studies involving human subjects (students, faculty, and/or staff). The purpose and responsibility of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) shall be to protect the rights and welfare of human research subjects. The IRB reviews and oversees research activities involving human subjects and requires that the research complies, as applicable, with Federal regulations at 45 CFR 46, Subparts A, B, C, and D, (or equivalent policies and procedures), the FDA 21 CFR Parts 50, 56, 312, and 812, Texas law, and all other pertinent regulations and guidelines. Compliance with this policy or the procedures set forth herein will in no way render inapplicable pertinent laws of the State of Texas, any local law which may bear upon the proposed activity, or the policies of the Galveston College Board of Regents.

For research that is non-funded, participants are provided the same or equivalent protections.

RESEARCH SECURITY

The College District shall promote the security of the College District's academic research so as to achieve the highest level of compliance with applicable ethical, legal, regulatory, contractual, and College District standards and requirements for securing and protecting the College District's research portfolios.

RESEARCH
SECURITY OFFICER

The Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research shall serve as the research security officer (RSO) and shall be responsible for administering the College District's research security program consistent with law, this policy, and associated administrative procedures. The RSO shall maintain classified information, maintain controlled unclassified information, conduct foreign influence reporting, maintain the export control program, and coordinate the National Security Presidential Memorandum 33 (NSPM-33) requirements.

The RSO shall also be the point of contact for communication with federal and state agencies on research security matters.

The RSO shall attend the annual academic security and counter exploitation program seminar offered by Texas A&M University.

RESEARCH
SECURITY
PROGRAM

The RSO shall develop, administer, and annually review and approve a research security program designed in accordance with law and applicable standards to address the security of College District research against unauthorized disclosure or foreign interference. The program shall include procedures for risk assessment and mitigation, research security awareness education for employees when hired and periodically thereafter, and advising College District employees and officials on research security practices.