Policy:

It is the goal of University of California, Merced (UC Merced) to ensure that all research involving humans as participants, conducted under the auspices of the UC Merced, complies with all federal and state laws, as well as University of California policies regarding the protection of human subjects in research.

The UC Merced Human Research Protection Program is administered by the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development. The Human Research Protection Program consists of the UC Merced IRB and the UC Merced Office of Research Compliance and Integrity, which coordinates the activities of the IRB committee.

As required by federal and state law, all human subjects research conducted under the auspices of UC Merced shall be reviewed and approved by the UC Merced IRB. The IO or designee may disapprove a study that has been approved by the UC Merced IRB. However, the IO or designee may not approve a study that has not been approved by the UC Merced IRB.

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