

**Subject:** Important Information from the Office of Research and Economic Development - International Travel and Export Controls

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**Priority:** High

Dear Colleagues,

As we come to the end of the semester and the start of summer business travel season, the office of Research Compliance and Integrity (RCI) would like to take this opportunity to remind UC Merced faculty, staff and students on the importance of compliance with export control regulations. The University of California system is dedicated to ensuring researchers have an open and collaborative research environment while still maintaining compliance with federal export control laws and regulations.

**All persons affiliated with UC who work with, or have access to, export-controlled technical data, information, materials, and equipment are required to understand the requirements of the U.S. export controls laws and regulations and follow applicable UC policies and procedures.** Penalties for export control violations are substantial, including significant fines, debarment from participation in federal grants and contracting, loss of export privileges, and, in some cases, imprisonment.

The RCI office has recently revamped the export control websites in order to provide specific information and resources on international shipping, international travel and deemed exports. International travel has recently become a hot topic, particularly travel to sanctioned countries. The Office of Foreign Asset Controls (OFAC) sanctions program prohibits travel to sanctioned countries without a license. We have created websites that provide specific information on travel to sanctioned countries, as well as individual webpages that specifically address travel to Cuba and Iran.

**Any UCM employees planning on travel to an [OFAC sanctioned country](#) (especially [Cuba](#), [Iran](#), North Korea, Syria or Sudan) for the purpose of University business (including research, conference attendance, etc) should contact the Research Compliance & Integrity Office as soon as possible prior to travel.** Please see our [website](#) for more information on traveling internationally for research.

UC Merced has also developed laptop loaner program for international travelers. Please go to <https://it.ucmerced.edu/loaner-devices-for-international-travel/> for more information on this program and to learn how to check out a laptop for international travel.

We remind all international UC travelers to always register their trip at [UC Trips](#) (please note if using Connexus or BCD for travel arrangements, your trip is automatically registered). And please visit the [UC Merced Risk Services Travel webpage](#) for additional information on foreign travel safety and security. For questions about international travel insurance and security, please contact Risk Manager Cindi Zimmerman at [czimmerman3@ucmerced.edu](mailto:czimmerman3@ucmerced.edu).

Important Websites:  
[UC Merced Export Controls](#)

[International Travel](#) and [Travel to sanctioned countries](#)  
[UCOPs Export Compliance FAQs](#)

Questions and concerns regarding export controls, international travel and international research should be directed to Deborah Motton [dmotton@ucmerced.edu](mailto:dmotton@ucmerced.edu) or Danielle Dai'Re, [ddaire@ucmerced.edu](mailto:ddaire@ucmerced.edu).

Please feel free to share this email with any interested or relevant parties.

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