

Subject: Important Information from the Office of Research Regarding Export Controls and International Travel

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Dear Colleagues,

As we embark on a new semester 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 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. We are also working with Information Security to provide “clean” laptops and tablets to UC personnel traveling internationally on UC business. Please look for information regarding the laptop travel program in the coming weeks.

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 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.

***Guidance regarding taking a UC owned laptop, tablet or smartphone abroad will be forthcoming.*

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 / 209-383-8655 or Danielle Dai'Re, – ddaire@ucmerced.edu/209-228-4805.

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

Thank you.

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