The mandate of Export Controls administration at A&M-SA is to administer export control and research security policies, procedures and technology to comply with federal guidelines and Texas A&M System regulations and guidelines. The office provides clearance for foreign engagement in research, teaching, transporting and handling all levels of U.S. Government information.

Contact us to get guidance regarding International travel, hiring international staff or students, purchasing equipment’s from abroad, and while seeking International collaborations. Use of Drones for teaching, research or other purposes must also be cleared by the Export controls office.

Our goal is to fulfill these four objectives:

- Alleviate the burden of compliance on all faculty
- Support the system in securing regulated data
- Manage the system secure computing enclave
- Advise system members on export control matters

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**Office of Research Compliance**

The Office of Research Compliance promotes a culture of ethics, integrity, and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies governing research. The office provides comprehensive regulatory guidance to the A&M-SA research community regarding specific components of research compliance — including animal care, biosafety, export control, financial conflict of interest, human subjects, and responsible conduct of research.
Institutional Review Board

A&M-SA maintains an Institutional Review Board (IRB) for oversight of Human Subject Research in accordance with federal regulations. All A&M-SA investigator or research staff working on a human subjects study, are expected to following the federal, state, and university policies regarding the protection of human subjects. At a high-level, investigators and research staff are responsible for:

- Minimizing risk to subjects and protecting subject rights and welfare
- Securing IRB and other departmental or institutional regulatory approvals in advance of the research
- Obtaining and documenting informed consent
- Disclosing conflicts of interest
- Complying with sponsor-specific requirements as applicable (e.g., FDA requirements)
- Completing applicable training for the protection of human research subjects

Website: https://www.tamusa.edu/graduate-studies-research/research/institutional-review-board/index.html

Forms: https://www.tamusa.edu/graduate-studies-research/research/institutional-review-board/irb-forms.html

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Staff: Jessica Flores

Institutional Biosafety Committee

A&M-SA maintains an Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) for oversight of research involving Pathogens and potential pathogens of humans, animals or plants.

Materials potentially containing human pathogens (including human blood, tissue, and cell lines; non-human primate blood, tissue, and cell lines);

Recombinant DNA (and RNA) including the creation or use of transgenic plants and animals;

Select agents and toxins including strains and amounts exempted from the select agent regulations;

Any material requiring a Center for Disease Control import license or a United States Department of Agriculture permit.

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Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

A&M-SA maintains an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) in accordance with federal regulations. All institutions receiving federal support are required to monitor research with vertebrate animals to assure that the animals are being cared for appropriately. The A&M-SA IACUC committee is appointed by the Vice Provost and reviews protocols submitted by members of the A&M-SA community performing experimentation with vertebrate animals or keeping vertebrate animals for educational purposes.

Website: https://www.tamusa.edu/graduate-studies-research/research/institutional-animal-use-care-committee/index.html

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Chair: Dr. Chris Mares
Vice Chair: Dr. Charles Watson
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