

December 2024 Research Administration Forum Q&A

Research Policy and Compliance

Q1: Will PI-initiated research or non-federal funds research follow the same RMP restrictions at UCLA, and if so will the PI self-assessment tool be available outside of the FFA application process?

A1: Great question. Yes, we plan to use more or less the same process for PI-initiated / non-FF research, with the difference being that there won't be a proposal process involving the feds. All of the agents and research that would fall under the new policy are already subject to IBC review, so when a PI submits for IBC approval, we can initiate the self-assessment for Cat 1/2 if this hasn't already been done. I should have mentioned that we also plan to reach out to the ~45 researchers who currently have IBC approval for research that might fall under the policy.

Contract and Grant Administration

Q1: Can ORA send a formal announcement re: the ORCID ID requirement in May 2025 with some helpful instructions (i.e. who to contact if they run into technical issues with registration, etc.) and impacts to proposal submissions? This will aid in our department conversations with our PIs.

A1: Yes, we will do that in the New Year and again closer to the mandatory implementation date.

Q2: Will there be a database for OCGA/depts to check if PIs have completed their research security training? This would be helpful to know during the beginning stages of the proposal preparation process.

A2: We expect that the training modules tracking will happen in the UCLA Learning Management Module. We are hoping the new Research Security Office will take the lead on figuring out the details of the implementation.

Extramural Fund Management

Q1: When is the new closeout procedure anticipated to go live?

A1: Target effective date is May 2025