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Update from Dr. Jorge Alvarado, 2025-2026 CPI Chair

November CPI News – The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. The meeting began with discussions and update for the review of the University Rule on **15.99.03.M1 Research Misconduct**, by Dr. Gerianne Alexander, Associate Vice President for Research and Research Integrity Officer, Division of Research. Being the university rule is being updated, Dr. Alexander will be providing an update at the November 12, 2025 CPI General Meeting.

Dr. Theresa Morriss, CPI Executive Committee Member and CPI Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences brought discussions forward on having consistent messaging in regard to collaborative efforts between TAMU and TAMUS Agencies as it relates to collaborations with country of concerns. Within the discussions within the CPI Executive Committee meeting, it was suggested that Ms. Lesa Feldhausen, Division of Research provide an update at the November 12th CPI General Meeting and provide PIs that might not be aware there is a Texas A&M System Regulation currently in place for High Risk Global Engagements and International Collaborations. There are also FAQs [International Activities Involving Countries of Concern – Division of Research](#) based on HB 127 and TAMUS Regulation [15.05.04-High Risk Global Engagements and High Risk International Collaborations](#) that she will reference at the November 12th CPI General Meeting so all PIs with TAMUS can be aware of and know where to access.

The meeting ended with the CPI Executive Committee members holding discussions with the Facilities Reassessment Team (Ms. Courteney Lawson, Ms. Katy Pleasant, and Mr. Matt Fry). The Reassessment Team was charged by the Office of Strategy and Business services to reassess the centralization of facilities within the two-year window after the original decisions by former President Welsh for the Quick Look report. Within this review it is also an assessment of the effectiveness of the SSC contract upon our built environment.

All Principal Investigators are encouraged to share concerns or suggestions with their CPI representatives. To find your representative or all the new 2025-2026 representatives, visit the CPI Membership page:

[2025-2026 Council Membership – Council of Principal Investigators](#)

The CPI Executive Committee continues meet monthly with The TAMU President's Office, Provost Sams, the interim Vice President for Research, Dr. Costas Georgiades, and other Texas A&M and System leadership. PIs are welcome to submit research-related concerns or agenda topics to CPI@tamu.edu or to any CPI representative.

Recordings of past CPI General Meetings are available at: [2025-2026 General Meeting Schedule – Council of Principal Investigators](#)

December's CPI General Meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Guest presenters at the December meeting will be Mr. R. Ethan Braden, Vice President and Chief Marketing and Communications Officer and Mr. Tim Doty, Assistant Vice President, National Media and Public Relations, Texas A&M University.

Sponsored Research Services (SRS) Executive Leadership Team Hosting Monthly Office Hours in November

Dear Research Community,

We're pleased to announce that the SRS Executive Leadership Team will begin hosting monthly office hours starting this November. **Our first session will be held on Wednesday, November 19th, from 8:00am until 9:00am, in the SRS Conference Room 109, 400 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy, Suite 300.** This initial session will be in-person to encourage direct connection and conversation. This is a come and go format and muffins and coffee will be provided.

Going forward, office hours will alternate each month between in-person and virtual formats to provide flexibility and accessibility for all participants.

These sessions are designed to provide an open forum to share ideas, ask questions, and raise any concerns directly with leadership team. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to engage with the leadership team and contribute to ongoing dialogue across our research administration community.

Warm regards,
SRS Executive Leadership Team

Paid Summer Fellowships for Graduate Students in 2026 at Sandia National Laboratories – Applications Due **November 30**

Universities Research Association (URA) is seeking applications for paid Summer Fellowships for graduate students in 2026 at Sandia National Laboratories. Detailed information about the program and the application process is attached and available [HERE](#).

URA anticipates making up to ten appointments within Sandia's Research Foundations, including Bioscience, Computing and Information Science, Earth Science, Engineering Science, Material Science, Nanodevices and Microsystems, and Radiation, Electrical, and High Energy Density Science. Applicants must be full-time master's or doctoral graduate students and U.S. citizens.

Submission of applications must be completed by **November 30, 2025, at 11:59 pm US Eastern Time.**

HURON COI TIP: HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES & PRE-APPROVAL REQUESTS

Many activities that involve individuals who are affiliated with entities located in countries that are considered high risk fall under [System Regulation 15.05.04](#) and require additional review and approval. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

Entities on the [Risk-Based-List.xlsx](#) are located in the Countries of Concern and are subject to at least one U.S. government restricted list. Collaborations with these entities are likely to be denied. Note that the list is subject to change at any time.

Submitting a Pre-Approval Request (PAR) in the [Huron](#) system is often the way to initiate an activity that falls under this System Regulation. (Activities that are submitted through other systems of record such as MAESTRO and EMBURSE do not usually require an additional PAR.) Information on how to submit a PAR can be found here [Disclosure Process in Huron – Division of Research](#).

If you have any questions, please contact coi@tamu.edu.

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH

As outlined in [University SAP 15.99.99.M0.04](#), RCR training is required for students and postdocs participating in research. **Please note that it is the responsibility of each College/School (with support/information from individual PIs) to ensure that all students and postdoctoral researchers associated with them are compliant with the RCR training requirements.**

ALL students and postdocs participating in research are required to complete online [CITI RCR Training](#). Additionally, externally funded graduate students and all postdoctoral fellows must complete four (4) hours of face-to-face (F2F) training. This training requirement can be met through the following F2F training opportunities:

- January 8, 2025 (10:00am-2:30pm) - [RCR Face-to-Face Training](#) (In Person – must attend all 4 hours) – Includes Research Data Management, Research Security, Safe Research Environments, and Research Misconduct, Authorship & Peer Review
- Spring workshops will be posted on our [website](#) soon!

Please visit our [website](#) for more detailed RCR training requirements for students and postdocs. Information on 1-hour workshops offered through other departments for RCR credit can be found there as well.

Contact RCR@tamu.edu for more information.

HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION PROGRAM UPDATES

Reportable New Information and Corrective and Preventative Action Plans

Errors in research may occur despite an investigator's best efforts to conduct the research in accordance with the study plan. Whether the errors are in the form of deviations from the IRB approved protocol, technical failures or noncompliance with applicable regulations and policies, the errors should be promptly reported to the IRB through the Huron Reportable New Information (RNI) feature in accordance with [SOP HRP-029](#) (<https://research.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/HRP-029-SOP-Reportable-New-Information.pdf>).

Additionally, when research errors are identified, appropriate steps should be taken to resolve them, and to ensure they do not happen again. This crucial step involves developing a Corrective and Preventative Action (CAPA) plan and attaching it to the RNI submission for IRB review. The CAPA should identify and correct the problem, determine the cause of the problem, and develop an implementation plan to prevent the problem from recurring. The entire process should be documented and maintained as part of the

research record. A [Corrective-And-Preventive-Action-plan](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fresearch.tamu.edu%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2024%2F12%2Fcorrective-and-preventive-action-plan.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) (<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fresearch.tamu.edu%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2024%2F12%2Fcorrective-and-preventive-action-plan.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>) template is available in the HRPP toolkit to assist investigators. If you have any questions about reportable new information or developing a CAPA, please contact Josh Avila, PhD, HRPP Post Approval Monitor, at joshavila@tamu.edu.

New IRB Protocol Template for Requests to Rely on an External IRB

Collaborative or multi-site research projects often involve using a single IRB. This leads to investigator requests for reliance on an external IRB. A new protocol template has been added to the HRPP toolkit to assist investigators with providing the information and documents essential to establishing reliance on an external IRB ([Template-Request-to-Rely-on-External-IRB.docx](#)). Additional information about using an external IRB can be obtained by visiting the HRPP website guidance on [Collaborative Research and IRB Reliance – Division of Research](#) (<https://research.tamu.edu/research-compliance/human-research-protection-program/collaborative-research-and-irb-reliance/>) or by communicating with [My IRB Contact – Division of Research](#) (<https://research.tamu.edu/research-compliance/human-research-protection-program/my-irb-contact/>).

ANIMAL WELFARE UPDATES

Focus on IACUC Guidelines - New Guidance Water Quality for Fish

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) guidance on procedural standards for animal activities is available on a wide variety of topics. Investigators are invited to view the new IACUC Guidance on Water Quality for Fish (TAMU-G-052). IACUC Guidance documents may be found on the Animal Program web page: <https://research.tamu.edu/research-compliance/animals-in-research-and-teaching/iacuc-guidance/>. Please contact the Animal Welfare Office at animalcompliance@tamu.edu or 979.845.1828 if you have questions or need assistance with implementing IACUC procedural standards.

Funding - ACURO Policy Change

The Department of Defense (DoD) has announced a policy change regarding animal use protocols under the oversight of the Animal Care and Use Review Office (ACURO). Effective January 1, 2026, ACURO will only review and approve protocols that are supported exclusively by DoD funding. This change does not apply to currently approved protocols; however, it must be addressed during protocol renewal. For questions or assistance with separating protocol activities during renewal, please contact the Animal Welfare Office at animalcompliance@tamu.edu or 979-845-1828.

Protocol Initiative - Experimental Design

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has launched an initiative to improve the quality and clarity of the Experimental Design section in animal use protocols (AUPs). Principal Investigators (PIs) and research personnel are encouraged to visit our Experimental Design webpage to access video and document resources and to register for upcoming Experimental Design Workshops: <https://research.tamu.edu/research-compliance/animals-in-research-and-teaching/approval-process-for-research-teaching-with-animals/experimental-design-initiative/>.

BIOSAFETY UPDATES

Protecting Your Research: Emergency Preparedness for Freezer Failures

With the holiday season and winter break approaching, laboratory staffing may be reduced. Power outages or unexpected equipment failures can occur at any time, but the risk of losing valuable research materials increases when fewer personnel are on-site. For example, your -80°C freezer could lose power, putting your biohazardous research materials at risk. Having a clear emergency plan is essential for protecting your work.

In any emergency, the safety of personnel is the highest priority. If an equipment failure requires you to move biohazardous materials to another secure location, the following steps must be taken:

- Transport samples in sealed secondary containment, as detailed in the TAMU Biosafety Manual.
- Store the boxes of samples in a location with restricted access, such as a freezer within a locked lab.
- Ensure the samples are clearly labeled with the identity of the contents, the universal biohazard symbol, and the PI's name.
- Notify the Office of Biosafety at biosafety@tamu.edu regarding the temporary storage location and the approximate duration.

Please be aware that if the materials will be stored in the temporary location for more than one fiscal quarter (approximately 3 months), an amendment to your IBC protocol is required.

These guidelines exclude risk-group 3 agents, select agents, and any biohazards subject to federal oversight, such as a plant pathogen covered by a PPQ-526 permit. Emergency plans for the movement of these specific agents must be established in advance. Please contact the Director of Biosafety, Dr. Jessica Bourquin, at jrbourquin@tamu.edu for assistance with these materials.

We strongly encourage all labs to proactively discuss contingency plans, establish a "who to call" list for emergencies, and consider alarm monitoring systems for critical equipment. For questions or assistance in developing your emergency plans, please contact the Office of Biosafety at biosafety@tamu.edu.

USDA BRS Permits – What Researchers Working with Genetically Engineered Organisms Need to Know

If your research involves genetically engineered (GE) plants, microbes, or other organisms that may impact agriculture or the environment, you may need a permit from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) under the Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) program. These permits are required for the importation, interstate movement, or environmental release of regulated GE organisms. The BRS permitting process ensures that biotechnology research is conducted safely and in compliance with federal regulations.

Do You Need a BRS Permit?

You may need a permit if your work involves:

- Genetically engineered plants or plant-associated microbes.
- Field trials or environmental release of GE organisms.
- Movement of GE materials across state or national borders.

Key Responsibilities for Permit Holders

- Compliance with Permit Conditions: GE organisms must be handled, stored, and disposed of according to the specific terms of the permit.
- Recordkeeping: Maintain detailed records of use, storage, and disposal for at least three years.
- Amendments and Renewals: Changes to personnel, location, or scope of work may require a permit amendment. Permits must be renewed if the organism remains viable.
- End-of-Project Reporting: Notify USDA APHIS when the research concludes or if the PI leaves the institution.

Relevant Websites

- Biotechnology Regulatory Services: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology>
- Biotechnology Permits and Notifications: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/biotechnology-permits-notifications>
- BRS Permitting Assistant: <https://efile.aphis.usda.gov/s/brs-permitting-assistant>
- APHIS eFile Apply Online: <https://efile.aphis.usda.gov/s/>

Need Help Navigating the Process?

The Office of Biosafety is available to assist researchers in determining whether a BRS permit is required and in preparing applications. Early consultation is encouraged to avoid delays in project timelines.

For questions or support, contact the Office of Biosafety at biosafety@tamu.edu. Ensuring compliance with USDA BRS regulations protects your research and supports Texas A&M's commitment to responsible biosafety practices.

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

The Texas A&M Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is offering a series of opportunities for Postdoctoral Researchers. For additional information regarding the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, visit their website <https://research.tamu.edu/research-support/office-of-postdoctoral-affairs/>.

Central Location to Learn of NIH New Initiatives and Policies

[NIH: Implementation of New Initiatives and Policies](https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/implementation-of-new-initiatives-and-policies): This page serves as a central location where you can learn more about the status of changes impacting NIH grants process and plans for implementing new initiatives and policies. <https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/implementation-of-new-initiatives-and-policies>

Division Of Research Website for Federal Transition Updates

For the latest updates regarding Federal Transition please be sure to visit the Federal Transition webpage on the DOR website at: <https://research.tamu.edu/federal-administration-transition/>.

Launch of ResearchData@TAMU Research Data Catalog

Showcase Your Research. Enhance Discoverability. Strengthen Compliance.

Dear Texas A&M Research Community,

We're excited to announce that **ResearchData@TAMU, the Research Data Catalog** is now live! Introduced at the October CPI meeting, this powerful new tool—developed in partnership between the **Office of the Vice President for Research** and the **University Libraries**—shines a spotlight on the incredible research taking place across our university.

The catalog is designed to **boost the visibility** of completed research projects, **facilitate collaboration**, and **strengthen compliance** with federal and institutional data sharing requirements. It centralizes key metadata about closed research projects making it easier for others to discover your work through improved search engine visibility and integration with your **Scholars@TAMU** profile.

What's Next?

In this first phase, we're focusing on **federally sponsored TAMU research projects**. Our team of expert Research Librarians will reach out to PIs on projects completed between **2021 and 2025** to help you:

- Verify and enrich your project details (pulled from Maestro).
 - Add strategic keywords to improve discoverability.
 - Optimize your Scholars@TAMU profile for greater impact!
 - Report where your final research datasets are stored — *a required step in meeting federal and institutional data stewardship requirements.*
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New Maestro Research Data Deliverable - Effective December 1, 2025

To further streamline **Research Data Management and Sharing (DMS)** compliance, a **new Research Data Deliverable** will be implemented in **Maestro** for all new **TAMU Federal Awards**, beginning **December 1, 2025**.

- **Due Date:** Aligned with submission of the **final financial report**
- **Deliverable Content:** Key details about your dataset—its title, description, storage location, access details, and security measures.

This new deliverable ensures the university can effectively track where final research data are stored and verify compliance with institutional and federal retention and sharing requirements.

How You Can Participate

Watch for an email from your **Research Librarian** and take a few minutes to work with them on your project metadata and to share where your final research datasets are stored.

Together, we can make **ResearchData@TAMU** a foundational resource that reflects the depth, quality, and excellence of Texas A&M research.

For questions, contact **Leslie Krueger, Director of Research Data**, at lkrueger@tamu.edu.

Executive Order GA-48

Governor Abbott issued [Executive Order GA-48](#) on November 19, 2024, “relating to the hardening of state government.” Under this order, State agencies and institutions of higher education, including Texas A&M University, are required to implement measures to safeguard employees, critical infrastructure, and sensitive information from access by foreign entities deemed to pose significant risks to the state. Currently, this applies to the following countries: China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and the Maduro Regime of Venezuela. Restrictions were placed on certain activities, such as gifts, professional travel, and participation in foreign recruitment programs, as well as a personal travel notification requirement and the establishment of minimum qualifications for critical infrastructure positions. For more information, please visit the [Division of Risk, Ethics and Compliance website](#).

Export Controls – International Travel

International travel requires specific considerations that may differ from domestic travel. If you plan to travel internationally on university business or with university property, please visit our [website](#) for more information on the export control requirements that must be met prior to your departure.

High Risk Global Engagements and High-Risk International Collaborations

System Regulation [15.05.04-High Risk Global Engagements and High Risk International Collaborations](#) requires **PRIOR approval before engaging in high-risk global engagements and high-risk international collaborations**. We are continuing to see researchers engaging in research collaborations with colleagues in countries of concern without prior approval. Currently, the countries of concern are China (including Hong Kong and Macau), Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and Venezuelan politician Nicolás Maduro (Maduro Regime). Please note that these activities may be denied if not previously approved and disciplinary actions may be taken. Please ensure that you initiate your request in sufficient time to obtain all necessary approvals before the activity begins. Requests must route to the University Office of Research Security and Export Controls no later than 20 business days in advance of the proposed start date in order for our office to meet System’s time requirements. Please feel free to reach out to exportcontrols@tamu.edu with any questions.

Hagler Institute for Advanced Study

The Hagler Institute publishes a newsletter several times per year. Newsletters highlight accomplishments of Hagler Fellows and provide updates about institute activities and plans. The current and previous newsletter issues can be found at [Hagler Institute Newsletters – Hagler Institute for Advanced Study](#). To sign-up for our newsletter, please email your request to hias@tamu.edu.

Innovation and Commercialization at Texas A&M University

Follow us on social media @TAMInnovation and [subscribe to our mailing list](#) to stay up to date on news and timely information related to innovation and commercialization at The Texas A&M University System.

Research Bulletin for Principal Investigators

The Division of Research at Texas A&M University publishes a weekly bulletin about research. The Research Bulletin accepts news items about researchers and their teams from the colleges, schools, campuses and agencies within the Texas A&M research enterprise, including honors, funding, presentations, and appearances in news media. To subscribe or unsubscribe to the Research Bulletin, email: research-communications@tamu.edu.

Texas A&M High Performance Research Computing (HPRC)

HPRC offers an ongoing series of short training courses for beginning, intermediate, and advanced researchers. These short courses are free of charge and available to any employee or student at Texas A&M. Registration is required [here](#). (Prerequisites: current ACES account or HPRC account)

University Libraries

The University Libraries presents a series of online workshops in research-related subjects (such as managing citations, managing research data, searching databases, and publishing and copyright) for the Texas A&M community. Register [here](#).

AnSRS4u Available on Demand: A Sponsored Project is Being Awarded as a PI What Do You Need to Know?

This session is designed to help Principal Investigators and research staff understand the responsibilities involved in administering externally funded projects. Whether you are a Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator, or supporting staff, this training will walk you through what happens when a sponsored award is received and fully executed. This presentation will offer guidance on how to keep your project running smoothly. Presented by Amanda Stearns of Sponsored Research Services and Modesta Molina of the College of Education.

You have the opportunity to watch it on demand via the SRS website at [AnSRS4U – Sponsored Research Services \(tamu.edu\)](#)

NIH Will Stop Posting Notices of Funding Opportunities in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts in FY2026

NOT-OD-25-143 Notice informs the extramural community that, beginning in fiscal year 2026, NIH will no longer post NOFOs in the NIH Guide. **Grants.gov** will serve as NIH's single official source for grant and cooperative agreement funding opportunities. The NIH Guide will continue to be used for policy and informational notices.

What to Expect in FY2026

- NIH NOFOs will no longer be accessible from the NIH Guide.
- All NIH NOFOs (expired and active) will remain searchable on Grants.gov using their [Classic search](#) or their new [Simpler search](#).
- NOFOs will no longer be included in the weekly [NIH Guide Table of Contents subscription](#) emails. **You can use [Grants.gov subscription services](#) to receive notifications of new NIH funding opportunities.**
- NIH will continue to provide tools in the [Funding](#) section of [NIH Grants & Funding](#) to identify potential funding categories, topics, and opportunities you may be interested in. Any funding opportunity identified through our site will link to Grants.gov for the official opportunity posting.

Implementation Update: Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support

- NIH's adoption of the Common Forms (originally scheduled for May 25, 2025) will go into effect January 25, 2026.
- On or before September 15, NIH will launch preview versions of the NIH Common Forms within SciENcv (NOT-OD-25-152):
 - These "preview forms" are not final or official versions but are meant to provide users with the opportunity to view the new system functionality and instructions.
 - Data entered in these preview forms will be deleted and no longer accessible when the official NIH Common Forms become available (anticipated November 2025).

REMINDER: Continue to use NIH-specific format pages. Failure to use the required forms or format pages may cause NIH to withdraw your application from consideration.

For more information see [\(PREVIEW\) Current and Pending \(Other\) Support \(CPOS\) Common Form | Grants & Funding](#)

NIH Limits Number of Applications per Principal Investigator Per Calendar Year

NIH has issued NOT-OD-25-132, **Supporting Fairness and Originality in NIH Research Applications**. This policy is effective for applications submitted to the **September 25, 2025, receipt date and beyond**. NIH is providing guidance to researchers on the appropriate usage of artificial intelligence (AI) to maintain the fairness and originality of NIH's research application process. **NIH is also instituting a new policy limiting the number of applications that NIH will consider per Principal Investigator per calendar year.**

Policy: NIH will not consider applications that are either substantially developed by AI, or contain sections substantially developed by AI, to be original ideas of applicants. If the detection of AI is identified post award, NIH may refer the matter to the Office of Research Integrity to determine whether there is research misconduct while simultaneously taking [enforcement actions](#) including but not limited to disallowing costs, withholding future awards, wholly or in part suspending the grant, and possible termination.

NIH will only accept six new, renewal, resubmission, or revision applications from an individual Principal Investigator/Program Director or Multiple Principal Investigator for all council rounds in a calendar year.

This policy applies to all activity codes except T activity codes and R13 Conference Grant Applications. Based on recent data, this limit will affect a relatively small number of Principal Investigators while enabling the NIH to maintain consistently high-quality grant application review and appropriately steward taxpayer dollars.