The University of Colorado Boulder is committed to scientific and ethical integrity as well as academic excellence in all research activities with which our students, faculty and staff are associated. The Office of Research Integrity (part of the Research & Innovation Office) supports these needs via the following units.

Research Integrity (Compliance)

Conflicts of Interest & Commitment

CU Boulder encourages innovation, scholarship and research that lead to commercial and consulting activities and global engagement. Such activities, however, have the potential to create conflicts of interest and commitment. All faculty, and any other employee or student with responsibility for the design, conduct or reporting of research are considered critical to the research process and must disclose all significant (financial and foreign) interests and external professional activities that could compromise (or appear to compromise) university decision-making or duties. The primary reporting period is January 15 to March 31.

Responsible Conduct of Research

The National Institutes of Health define responsible conduct of research (RCR) as the practice of scientific investigation with integrity, involving the awareness and application of established professional norms and ethical principles in the performance of all activities related to scientific research. CU Boulder has the responsibility to foster a research environment that promotes RCR, discourages research misconduct, and deals promptly with allegations of possible misconduct. RCR training is strongly encouraged for everyone engaging in research.

Export Controls

Export Control laws are a complex set of federal regulations designed to protect U.S. national security, prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, further U.S. foreign policy—including the support of international agreements, human rights and regional stability—and maintain U.S. economic competitiveness. Working with foreign national collaborators, institutions may fall under the purview of various federal export control laws. These impacts are not limited to the physical export of equipment or software; deemed exports include dissemination of technical information to foreign persons, whether it occurs within or outside of the United States.
The Institutional Review Board (IRB) at CU Boulder is responsible for the review of all human subject research when conducted by the university’s faculty, staff, students or other affiliates and agents. The mission of the IRB is to protect the rights and welfare of subjects involved in human research. The IRB seeks to create a collaborative relationship with the research community to assure that research with human subjects is conducted in accordance with legal requirements and the ethical principles of Respect for Persons, Beneficence and Justice.

**Human Research & IRB**

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The Animal Care & Use Program at CU Boulder is comprised of the Office of Animal Resources (OAR), Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Occupational Health & Safety, and all active researchers in labs or in the field. All research, teaching and testing projects involving vertebrate animal use at CU Boulder must be reviewed and approved by the IACUC prior to engaging in the project. If you use animals in research, please contact OAR.

**Animal Care & Use Program**

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Controlled substance use in research and teaching activities on the CU Boulder campus is managed through a decentralized process. All university employees who are conducting research or teaching activities that involve controlled substances must comply with applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding their use; obtain necessary DEA registrations for the researcher; adhere to controlled substance storage, inventory maintenance and disposal requirements; and comply with reporting and record keeping requirements.

**Controlled Substances**

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Faculty and staff at CU Boulder pursue research in a wide variety of fields both in unclassified and classified environments. The university, faculty and staff must ensure compliance with federal and state requirements, including those related to research security and classified research. To meet these requirements, the Research and Innovation Office develops comprehensive research security policy and works closely with university compliance offices and senior leadership.

**Research Security**

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