The Office of Research Affairs provides timely notices to the research community on important information, policies updates and regulatory initiatives and changes. See the Office of Research Affairs website at http://blink.ucsd.edu/sponsor/ora/.

AAALAC Site Visit

The AAALAC International accreditation program evaluates organizations that use animals in research, teaching or testing, and those that meet or exceed AAALAC standards are awarded accreditation. AAALAC will be conducting a site visit to UC San Diego on November 15 -18th of this year. The AAALAC site visit will be facilitated by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), the IACUC office, the Animal Care Program, Environment Health and Safety, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and Research Affairs.

Why is this important to UC San Diego investigators conducting research with animals?

• The AAALAC site visit team will visit your laboratory if you use animals in the lab, especially if you perform surgeries. The site visit team will inspect your vivarium location and animals. If you run a satellite facility (where animals are kept longer than 12 hours) the site visitors will hold your satellite area to the standards of The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and the approved SOP for your satellite.
• UCOP Policy requires that all UC campuses be AAALAC accredited. UCSD must be re-evaluated at a site visit every three years to maintain its accredited status.
• AAALAC is an international organization committed to promoting humane treatment of animals in science. AAALAC accreditation is similar to the Joint Commission accreditation for hospitals and it covers organizations that use animals in research, teaching or testing. Accredited organizations include universities, hospitals, government agencies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and other types of research organizations.
• AAALAC accreditation is considered the “gold standard” and is viewed very favorably by granting agencies. Many institutions will not consider collaboration with other institutions or companies that are not AAALAC accredited.

How can you prepare for the site visit?

• Find the latest news and updates on the IACUC website
• Assess your laboratory area using the Laboratory Checklist
• Read the emailed Important Reminders
• Review your animal protocols and IACUC Policies
• Clean up, organize, and discard old supplies and drugs

For questions or additional information, please contact the IACUC at iacuc@ucsd.edu or (858) 534-6069.
UC San Diego was recently ranked as the 17th best university in the world and with $1 billion a year in funding, it often finds itself on the leader board for top research institutions. The administrative workforce who faithfully support this incredible effort are known as Research Administrators (RAs).

RAs find themselves having to be masters of all. They need to be well versed in financial management, accounting, human resources and compliance, while maintaining an extensive amount of subject matter expertise regarding sponsors/agencies, various funding instruments like grants and contracts as well as the policies, procedures and regulations, that go along with them. They also have to utilize a plethora of systems and tools in order to perform the transactional functions required of the job. RAs have to be excellent communicators and maintain diplomacy in order to act as liaisons and uphold the best interests of the Principal Investigators and institution they serve, all while working in a deadline driven environment.

With UC San Diego’s size and a position this complex, it calls for a robust and well-coordinated training approach to ensure that RAs are ready to take on the challenge of this role and are ready to best support the faculty they work with. That’s why the Office of Research Affairs teamed up with representatives across all three Vice Chancellor areas in a campus-wide Research Administration Training Program initiative designed to serve all areas of the campus. This program will start by leveraging the hard work and breadth of material already produced in the area of Sponsored Research Administration. In order to meet the current and emerging needs, there will be comprehensive curriculum covering topics across pre-award, post-award, compliance tools and systems.

With courses launching in Fall 2016, visit the Research Administration Training Program website for more information or contact Nicole Joyce, Research Administration Training Program Manager, at njoyce@ucsd.edu.

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**RESEARCH ADMINISTRATOR APPRECIATION DAY**

Friday, October 7, 2016, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Price Center East Ballroom & John Muir Room

For anyone working in Research Administration (Fund Managers, Fiscal Assistants, Financial Managers, etc.), if you work with Sponsored Projects, then this event will celebrate you and all of your hard work, dedication and your contributions in making UC San Diego the successful $1 billion a year research enterprise that it is today. Register through Eventbrite using password RAAD (no cost to attend).

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**New Export Control Questions in ePD**

The export control questions in the ePD Research Questionnaire have been revised to ensure export license requirements are identified and/or technology control plans are implemented early in the research lifecycle to minimize delays to research and ensure compliance with federal export control regulations. Export licensing takes a minimum of six (6) weeks to obtain from the U.S. Government, but can take as long as a year for sanctioned country research or research with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) controlled equipment or technology.

The new export control questions are as follows:
1. Are you working outside the U.S. exporting items or working with a foreign entity?
   A. Is there involvement of an foreign entity (sponsor, sub-recipient, collaborator)?
   B. Which country will you be working with?
   C. Is there collaboration with or research in Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria or Sudan?
   D. Will any equipment, materials, software or technology be exported by UC San Diego in the course of this project?

2. Is this research funded by the Department of Defense (DOD) or any of its entities (Army, Navy, Air Force, DTRA, DARPA, etc.) either directly or indirectly like through a defense contractor or other research institution?
   A. Did you include the DOD ITAR language in your statement of work?

3. Does research involve encryption, military (ITAR) and/or space technology (e.g., satellites, explosives, military training, military vehicles, vessels, and equipment)?

4. Does the proposed research involve access to export controlled information or technology such as government or third party confidential information identified as export restricted?

5. Does the sponsor require prior approval on publications, indicate that project is export restricted or restricts the participation of foreign nationals?

Any questions on these revised questions or export controls, please email export@ucsd.edu or contact Brittany Whiting, UC San Diego Export Control Officer, bwhiting@ucsd.edu, (858) 534-4175.