



Faculty Handbook

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Section 3: Conduct of Academic Programs

Research Program Policies

Preference is given to projects that are directly related to the educational work of the faculty. Participation of students in research is considered important. University research is traditionally basic in nature, but in those cases where the University can be of service to the community, applied research is considered a legitimate university activity. The University does not undertake research that cannot be published or is militarily classified, nor does it house research that bears no relationship to its educational activities.

This policy was reaffirmed and endorsed by Faculty Senate on 4/16/84 along with a resolution that consideration of an off-campus classified research facility managed by the University would represent an obvious evasion of current policy contributing little to the character and academic vitality of the University Community.

In rare cases, exceptions may be made to the restriction on undertaking unclassified externally funded research with limits on publication under these terms and conditions:

- Requests for such an exception must be made by the principal investigator, and substantively reviewed and approved by the PI's department chair and dean.
- Requests for exceptions should only be made in cases when at least one of the following apply:
 - The work is a continuation of a significant and ongoing research effort;
 - The work is recognized by the sponsor as being important to the national interest;
 - The work is in the overall best interests of the University and its mission.
- Requests will be sent to the Research office for review and comment.
- Requests must be approved by the Provost.

Any exceptions which are made will be documented in the Research Office, and a list of such exceptions will be submitted to the Faculty Senate Research Committee and to the University Board of Trustees at least annually.

This policy was revised to define the process by which exceptions to the restriction on undertaking research with limits on publication may be considered, and endorsed by the Faculty Senate on 5/2008.

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