



Proposal Submission



Award and Account Establishment



After Research Commences



Closeout

What responsibilities do research committees maintain?

A broad-ranging set of federal and state regulations require that research institutions exercise oversight of the conduct of research activity that implicates their mandates. Some of these committees are expressly required by regulations, while others have been established by USC.

What research committees exist at USC, and what types of research activity do they oversee?

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

The IRB oversees research involving living individuals, their information, or biospecimens. All researchers who intend to conduct research of this kind must submit their research protocols to the IRB for its review and approval. For more information, please visit <https://hrpp.usc.edu/irb/>.

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

All researchers who intend to use animals in connection with their research are required to submit their research protocols to the IACUC for its review and approval. For more information, please visit <https://iacuc.usc.edu/>.

Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)

The IBC is responsible for reviewing projects in which biohazards are used (including select agents), ensuring that research is conducted safely, and assessing and minimizing risks. For more information, please visit <http://ehs.usc.edu/research/bio/ibc/>, call (323) 442-2200, or e-mail biosafety@usc.edu.

Radiation Safety Committee (RSC)

The RSC is responsible for ensuring that radioactive materials and radiation-producing devices are used safely and in accordance with State and Federal regulations. For more information, please visit <https://ehs.usc.edu/research/rad/>, call (323) 442-2200, or e-mail radsafety@usc.edu.

Laser Safety Program

USC's Laser Safety Program delineates safe work practices, including engineering/administrative controls and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all faculty, staff, students, and volunteers who handle lasers at USC labs/locations. For additional information, visit <https://ehs.usc.edu/research/rad/laser/>, call (323) 442-2200, or e-mail radsafety@usc.edu.

Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee (SCRO)

The SCRO reviews, approves, and provides oversight over all issues related to the derivation and use of human pluripotent stem cells. For more information, please visit <https://stemcell.keck.usc.edu/research/scro/>.

Conflict of Interest Review Committee (CIRC)

The CIRC is charged with reviewing research conflict of interest disclosures and formulating recommendations to manage, reduce, or eliminate conflicts of interest. For more information, please visit <https://oec.usc.edu/ethics-at-usc/conflict-of-interest/conflict-of-interest-in-research/>, call (213) 740-8258, or e-mail compliance@usc.edu.

International Collaborations and Export Controls Committee

The International Collaborations and Export Controls Committee reviews projects that may be subject to export control regulations because of publication/personnel restrictions or cybersecurity requirements. For more information, please visit <https://oec.usc.edu/compliance-programs/international-activity/research/>, or contact Emily Pender at epender@usc.edu.

