

# **Texas Woman's University Regent Policy**

**Regent Policy Name: Research Security**

**Regent Policy Number: Regent Policy: C.30300**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

Texas Woman's University ("TWU" or "University") is committed to the highest standards of research security at every level of the University. The TWU Board of Regents ("Board") establishes this policy to promote secure academic research at the University while mitigating the risk of foreign espionage and interference. The Board adopts this policy to establish a Research Security Program.

## **APPLICABILITY**

This policy is applicable to TWU Students, Employees, and University Affiliates.

## **DEFINITIONS**

1. "Employee" means an individual who is employed part-time, full-time, or in a temporary capacity as faculty, staff, or who is required to be a student as a condition of employment, undergraduate or graduate.
2. "Student" means a person taking courses at TWU, a person who is not currently enrolled in courses but who has a continuing academic relationship with TWU, or a person who has been admitted or readmitted to TWU.
3. "University Affiliate" means any individual associated with TWU in a capacity other than as a Student or Employee who has access to TWU resources through a contractual arrangement or other association. This includes the following individuals:
  - a. Contractors and Vendors: an individual, business, or governmental entity that has a fully executed contract to provide goods or services to TWU. This includes employees of contractors or vendors and independent contractors.
  - b. Employee of a Governmental Agency: an individual employed by a federal or Texas state agency.

- c. Employee of a TWU-Affiliated Institution: an individual who works for organizations that are tightly aligned with the University.
- d. Pre-Employment Individual: an individual who will be hired by the University and the hiring department has sponsored their access to TWU resources.
- e. Other University Affiliate: any individual who does not fit into any other category and needs access to TWU resources.

## **POLICY**

### **I. Research Security Program**

Research Security Program. The Chancellor and President (“Chancellor”) is responsible for ensuring the implementation of a Research Security Program for TWU.

### **II. Research Security Officer**

Research Security Officer. The Chancellor shall appoint a Research Security Officer for TWU. The Research Security Officer shall: maintain classified information; maintain controlled unclassified information; conduct foreign influence reporting; address other issues associated with the goals of the research security program; and attend the state required annual academic security and counter exploitation program seminar offered by Texas A&M University.

### **III. Program Requirements**

Program Requirements. The Research Security Program shall be designed to achieve the highest level of compliance with applicable ethical, legal, regulatory, contractual, and institutional standards and requirements for securing and protecting the University’s research portfolios. The Research Security Program shall also promote an organizational culture of compliance with federal requirements to ensure that TWU maintains eligibility for federal funding. The Research Security Officer shall be responsible for developing the framework and infrastructure for the effective operation of the Research Security Program.

### **IV. University Regulations and Procedures – Research Security**

Adoption of Regulations and Procedures. TWU is committed to promoting secure academic research at the University while mitigating the risk of foreign espionage and interference. TWU shall adopt University Regulations and Procedures concerning research security consistent with state and federal law.

## REVIEW

This policy will remain in effect and published until it is reviewed, updated, or archived. This policy is to be reviewed once every six years. Interim review may be required as a result of updates to federal and state law or regulations, or internal processes or procedures.

## REFERENCES

[Texas Education Code Chapter 51, Section 51.956. Policy Framework for Research Security](#)

## FORMS AND TOOLS

None

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