



# Use of Research Space by Third-Parties and UCF Employees for non-UCF Purposes

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## APPLICABILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY

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This policy establishes required approvals and procedures for periodic use or access to University of Central Florida (UCF) research space by third-parties and UCF employees for non-UCF purposes.

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## POLICY STATEMENT

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Research conducted in any space owned, controlled, or leased by UCF may only support UCF interests and relationships, and must adhere to all regulations and procedures set forth by state and federal government, as well as compliance units authorized by this policy to approve access and use of space. UCF resources may not be used to support non-UCF activity without due compensation. Only authorized users may access and use UCF research space after approval from the compliance units. UCF reserves the right to deny entry, at its sole discretion, to anyone who is not authorized, or who is believed to represent a safety or security risk.

## GENERAL POLICY

1. All UCF faculty, staff, and students accessing and/or using research space are obligated to act in the best interest of UCF, and to ensure that any non-UCF activities or non-UCF financial interest do not interfere with their respective obligation to UCF.
2. Academic use of research space shall always take priority over non-academic use. In certain instances, however, priority may be extended to governmental units for non-academic use.

3. A governing unit may only permit access to and use of research space to authorized users. Each governing unit is responsible for tracking and monitoring access to its research space and issuing access cards and keys to authorized users in accordance with university policy. Each governing unit is also responsible for ensuring that access cards and keys are returned upon termination of a facilities use agreement, Volunteer/Visiting Facility Access Agreement, or Incubator Lease (which includes the Research Space addendum). Any authorized user not in possession of an access card and key must have someone from the governing unit present to provide access to the research space.
4. All UCF buildings have standard operating hours. Any research activity occurring under this policy outside of the standard operating hours requires prior approval of the governing unit's dean, director and/or chair.
5. In addition to any rent charged by a governing unit for use of its research space, F&BO may charge a fee to recover its costs, based on square footage of the research space and/or equipment usage. Cost recovery fees, or building maintenance fees, should be revisited annually.
6. Authorized users are responsible for the proper handling, transfer, access, storage, and control of export-controlled hardware, software, information, technology, and technical data to destinations and persons outside of the United States, as well as to foreign nationals at UCF engaged in instruction, conducting research, or providing service activities. They also are required to complete and maintain UCF required training protocols to include laboratory and space safety protocols and procedures.
7. All users of UCF space, whether third party or employees of the university, are subject to periodic inspections and reviews to ensure the space is being used in a manner consistent with UCF policies and federal and state compliance requirements. Third party users who fail to meet compliance requirements and who fail to respond to repeated requests for compliance may be required to pay for repeat inspections or may lose their license.

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## DEFINITIONS

**Authorized Users.** UCF employees and third-parties who have a) been vetted by the Office of Research; b) completed the Use of Research Space by Third-Parties Request Form; c) completed all laboratory, equipment and/or other compliance training required by the compliance units; and d) have executed either a Facility Use License Agreement, Volunteer/Visiting Facility Access Agreement, or Business Incubation Program UCFRF Onsite Client License Agreement.

**Compliance Units.** Those UCF administrative offices and departments responsible for safety, security, facility management and maintenance, financial compensation and legal matters

concerning access to and use of research space (i.e., Facilities & Business Operations (F&BO), Office of Research (OR), Office of General Counsel, Environmental Health and Safety (EHS), and Space Administration (SPAD).

**Governing Unit.** A department and/or college that maintains or manages research space which is respectively owned, controlled, or leased by UCF.

**Periodic Use.** Temporary use of Research Space on a non-lease basis is not to exceed 120 days per year. Consecutive day use is contingent upon the research space needs of the governing unit. Users of temporary space must comply with all rules and regulations with respect to space use at UCF, including required training. Periodic use does not apply to incubator leased space.

**Research Space.** Any space used for experimentation, investigation, or training in research methods, professional research and observation, or structured creative activity within a specific program, including all equipment and materials used to conduct research therein.

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## PROCEDURES

Any person or entity requesting use of UCF research space must complete the Use of Research Space by Third-Parties Request Form, and submit to the governing unit. The governing unit will submit the [Use of Research Space Request Form](#) to OR.

OR will review the request and forward to all appropriate compliance units for approval, and notify the governing unit of the request. Compliance units may require additional information and/or clarification in order to properly assess the request. Once the request is approved by the compliance units, the person or entity will be deemed an authorized user and shall be granted periodic use or access.

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## RELATED INFORMATION or DOCUMENTS

[UCF Policy 4-209 Export Control Policy](#)

[UCF Policy 4-504 Reporting Outside Activities, Financial Interests, and Potential Conflict of Interests, and Potential Conflicts of Interest or Conflict of Commitment in Research](#)

[UCF Policy 4-211 Research Misconduct Policy](#)

[UCF Policy 3-125 Real Estate Transactions](#)

[UCF Policy 3-105 University Access Control](#)

[UCF Regulation 4.0293 Use of University Facilities: General Responsibilities](#)

[UCF Policy 3-122.1 Campus Safety and Health Policy](#)

[Use and Access Examples](#)

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**FORMS**

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[Research Facility Use Request Form](#)

[Hazardous Waste Management](#)

<b>POLICY APPROVAL</b> <b>(For use by the Office of the President)</b>	
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