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COGR's Research Ethics & Compliance Committee

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REC's Topic "Portfolio"

(Topics are not static and can change/be added based on the regulatory landscape)

- Conflict of Interest
- Conflict of Commitment
- Responsible Conduct of Research
- Research Integrity & Research Misconduct
- Intersection of research security with any of the foregoing topics, e.g., NSPM-33
- Privacy regulations that impact research
- Human Subjects Research
- Animal Subjects Research
- Lab/biosafety requirements
- Clinical Trials regulated by FDA
- Research using cannabis or controlled substances

Committee Logistics

- Meetings every second and last Tuesday of each month
- Meeting agendas may include updates, polls, development of responses to RFIs or NPRMs, guest speakers
- Updates provided to all COGR membership via regular update reports
- Working groups involving committee members and non-committee members experts from COGR member institutions
- Cross-committee projects

Notable Recent Projects

- [Letter to NSF responding to System of Records Notice \(SORN\) re. data analytics tool](#)
- [Framework for Review of Individual Global Engagements in Academic Research](#)
- [Principles for Evaluating Conflict of Commitment Concerns in Academic Research](#)
- [NSPM-33 analysis and letter to OSTP on implementation guidance](#)
- [Responses to OLAW Requests for Information on implementation of CURES Act mandate to reduce admin. Burden on animal research](#)