



REASON FOR POLICY

To record the faculty's commitment to freedom to publish research results.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

Who is Governed by this Policy:

Anyone who conducts or supports research at the University of Oregon.

Who Should Know This Policy:

All employees and students who conduct or support research.

WEB SITE ADDRESS FOR THIS POLICY

If the policy is not posted as a separate file on the policy library, please provide the link in the spreadsheet.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE

For questions about this policy, please contact the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation at (541) 346-2090 vpri@uoregon.edu.

ENACTMENT & REVISION HISTORY

Reviewed and Approved By:

Robert Berdahl, Interim President

Date:

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Issued by:

Office of Research, Innovation, and Graduate Education

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6/14/2012 - Approved by Robert Berdahl, Interim President <[signed document](#)>

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Preamble:

To fulfill its mission and meet requirements arising from the University of Oregon's status as a tax-exempt, public educational and research institution, research conducted at the University of Oregon must primarily serve public rather than private purposes. It is expected that research results will be published or otherwise be disseminated on a nondiscriminatory basis and within a reasonable period of time.

Policy Statement:

University researchers may not conduct proprietary research where the freedom to publish is limited inherently and fundamentally, even if such limitation is intended only to permit University project personnel access to proprietary information. The University of Oregon shall not accept any fundamental and inherent limitation on the freedom to publish from any research sponsor and therefore, shall not accept publication restrictions that convey veto or censorship authority to extramural sponsors of University research projects. Publication delays not exceeding sixty (60) days are acceptable so that a research sponsor may review publications and (1) offer comments or suggestions and (2) determine that its proprietary data are not disclosed. Delays not exceeding ninety (90) days also are permitted so that the University and the research sponsor may screen proposed publications for intellectual property protection. If both sixty- and ninety-day delays are applicable, the total period of delay should not exceed ninety (90) days.

Sponsored research projects allowing access to or use of the sponsor's proprietary data or materials will be accepted only if regulations regarding access, use, and protection of such data or materials do not restrict the full dissemination, excluding the proprietary data or materials, of scholarly findings made under the research agreement. Proprietary data or materials must be labeled as such by the research sponsor before release to University researchers, except that proprietary data or materials disclosed orally must be identified, within 30 days of such disclosure, in writing by the sponsor as proprietary, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by University's authorized representative. Research sponsor requirements shall not proscribe citation of the sponsor name in publications.

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