Gifts, Grants & Other Externally Sponsored Activities Decision Tree

Office of Research and Economic Development / University Advancement
FIU Foundation Inc. / Office of Auxiliary and Enterprise Development
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Will the funds be used for research related activities, or to pay for individuals engaged in research?

- Yes
- No

Does the project have other limits imposed either by the donor or the institution?

- Yes
- No

Is the funding a voluntary transfer of money made by a donor without expectation of direct economic benefit or other tangible compensation for non-research related activities?

- Yes
- No

Is the service or product research related?

- Yes
- No

Does it require submission by a 501 (c)(3) organization?

- Yes
- No

Submit through FIU Foundation Inc. An Agreement needs to be executed in order to accept funds. Award will be managed by the Office of Research and Economic Development upon acceptance.

Submit and managed through the Office of Research and Economic Development following established institutional processes.

Process through FIU Foundation Inc. An Agreement needs to be executed in order to accept funds. Award managed through University Advancement.

Contact the Office of Research and Economic Development for assistance.

Contact the Office of Auxiliary and Enterprise Development for assistance.

Research Definition

Research is defined as a systematic investigation, study or experiment designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. The term encompasses basic and applied research (e.g., a published article, book or book chapter) and product development (e.g., a diagnostic test or drug). The term includes any such activity for which research funding is available through a gift, donation, grant, cooperative agreement, contract or other award instrument between the institution and the donor.

Other Limits Definition

Other limits include time & effort certification, intellectual property provisions, budget restrictions, audit provisions, publication restrictions, human and animal subjects, export controls, university personnel subject to institutional conflict of interest monitoring plans, controlled substances, hazardous materials, foreign or remote locations, licenses, permits, compliance with Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Foreign influence or other items regulated via the electronic proposal routing approval form (ePRAF).

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