Export Controls

Export Controls exist to protect the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States.

Restricted or classified research produces results that are not shared broadly. Fundamental research of any kind occurring abroad is subject to export controls if restricted equipment, software, or information is shipped outside the United States. When researchers and personnel work on projects that have publishing restrictions or classified information that incorporate certain participants or certain partners, export compliance may become an issue. Penalties and fines for violating export compliance can be levied against an individual, an entity, or both.

Export controls are restrictions imposed by the federal government on access to dissemination of, and transfers of some equipment, software, and data. The federal government imposes export controls on access to, distribution of, and transfers of certain equipment, software, and data. Providing access to prohibited technology or information to those who are not American citizens, legal residents, or other protected persons while in the US or overseas may be regarded an export, re-export, or presumed export. In addition, any items that are sent from the USA to a foreign destination are export.

When working on projects with an international component/international collaborator or leaving the country, faculty members should think about whether export control regulations apply to their work. To prevent export control violations, severe fines against CSU, and the imprisonment of those involved, the Office of Sponsored Programs and Legal Affairs, Ethics and Compliance Division should be alerted early in the proposal drafting process.

All faculty/researchers performing human-subject research must complete CITI training. Learn more about research collaboration & research ethics with CITI Training for CSU Students and Employees.

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