

# Restrictions on Reporting Research Results

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## Introduction

Classified projects entail restrictions on the dissemination of the results and/or products of the project.

## Policy Statement

University policy does not allow the acceptance of classified research projects except in very rare cases. Any exception to this policy must be approved by the vice president for research, by the senior vice president and provost, and by the president of the university.

The Office of Sponsored Programs Administration will review all contracts and agreements prior to acceptance to assure that the results of research under sponsored projects are not constrained by unacceptable restrictions related to the publication of research results.

The university recognizes that in some instances, such as those involving development of commercially applicable or patentable products or techniques, disclosure of results from certain research projects may need to be withheld for a limited period of time.

Theses and dissertations should not incorporate research that cannot be made public at the time the final examination is held; therefore, graduate students should not be engaged on sponsored projects that may restrict their rights for publication. Any exceptions to this regulation must have prior approval of the dean of the Graduate College.

## Resources

### Links

- [Sponsored Funding of Projects, Faculty Handbook 8.3.1.](#)
- [Classified Projects, Faculty Handbook 8.3.1.2.3.](#)
- [Graduate College](#)
- [Office of Sponsored Programs Administration](#)
- [Vice President for Research](#)