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FEDERAL UPDATE:

Research Security Training Requirements

- As part of the [CHIPS and Science Act's](#) efforts to protect national security and mitigate the risk of foreign influence and intellectual property theft, researchers on federal awards will now need to complete annual research security training (Section 10634).
- [Covered individuals](#) must certify they have completed the requisite research security training within 12 months **prior to proposal submission**.
- Researchers have several research security training options through SIUE's online CITI Program. For details on the training options and specific sponsor requirements, please visit the Export Control & Research Security site located [here](#).
- Please also see the [Compliance Education site](#) for instructions on CITI account creation, curriculum, and training requirements for other research compliance areas.

Record Retention Periods

Research data and records (approved IRB/IACUC/IBC documents, signed consent forms, data collection documents, daily logs, etc.) must be maintained after the closure of your study for a set period of time. Recordkeeping requirements can vary depending on factors such as applicable federal regulations (e.g., HIPAA), if there was federal funding for the project, the type of research, and institutional policies.

Generally, study records must be maintained at the institution for at least 3 years after completion of the research (i.e., the study is closed). However, if your research study involves HIPAA, those records must be kept for 6 years after completion (45 CFR 164.530(j)). With federal agencies, the length of time can be determined by the grant period and range from 3 to 7 years. It is the responsibility of the principal investigator to determine which regulations apply and how long records must be retained. Additional information on IRB record retention at SIUE can be found [here](#). Additional information on IACUC and IBC record retention at SIUE can be found [here](#).



Research Data Storage Options

There are many factors to consider before deciding where to store your data. For example:

- What regulations may apply to the data?
- Does the sponsor have specific security requirements for data storage?
- Does the research involve sensitive data?
- Who will need access to the data?

At SIUE, there are two preferred storage spaces generally considered to be secure and appropriate for research data:

1. Teams storage space
2. SharePoint storage space (non-personal space)

While a personal OneDrive space is also considered secure, research data should be stored in the non-personal SharePoint or Teams spaces. Teams is considered the most robust of these options and preferred over SharePoint. To request Teams, fill out the form located at – <https://spapps.siue.edu/teamssharepointrequests>.

Please contact the ITS help desk at extension 5500 or by email at help@siue.edu for questions on using cloud storage space.



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Drone Flights at SIUE

As new faculty, student, and course projects are beginning, this is a reminder for anyone who use Unmanned Aerial/Aircraft Systems (UAS)/drones for SIUE activities.

If you plan to purchase, build and/or fly a drone or other UAS on property owned by SIUE or off-campus for University business, you must first obtain permission before any flights occur by doing the following:

- Have the Graduate School register your drone with the FAA. (Registration must be done by SIUE and not yourself.)
- Obtain University approval submitting the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Registration form AND the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Application

To fly a drone or other UAS for recreational activities not associated with SIUE business, see section III B of University Policy 6F4: www.siu.edu/policies/6f4.shtml. To fill out the required Facility Use License Agreement, please click [here](#) and choose that this application is for “Recreational Use.”

For more information, please check out our [website](#) or contact Ellie Buchholz at elbuchh@siue.edu.

Hot Topics in Research Compliance

- Lin, Z. (2025, Sept. 9). AI chatbots are already biasing research – we must establish guidelines for their use now:
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-02810-5>
- Uddin, L. (2025, Sept. 15). International scientific collaboration is more necessary—yet more challenging—than ever:
<https://www.thetransmitter.org/funding/international-scientific-collabo...>
- Lloyd, K. (2025, Oct. 20). Why simply ending animal testing isn't the answer in biomedical research:
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-03345-5>
- Herron, T. et al. (2025, Oct. 20). Alternatives to animal testing are the future – it's time that journals, funders and scientists embrace them:
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-03344-6>

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