

UC Research Data Policy

RAC Forum

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- UC Regents own Research Data created by or at the direction of University Researchers or Principal Investigators during the course of University Research, unless specifically agreed otherwise by the University under sponsorship or other related agreements.
- Principal Investigators are the primary stewards of Research Data, and are responsible for retaining Research Data for each research project.
- The University may take custody of Research Data under certain circumstances, such as where necessary to perform any investigations associated with allegations of research misconduct, litigation, or to ensure continuity of research.
- Principal Investigators may request to transfer Research Data if they leave the University.
- Researchers may take copies of the Research Data upon departure from the University.
- Campuses may adopt further policies and procedures for implementing this Policy.

Other Data Questions?

- The new UC Research Data Policy principally addresses **ownership** of UC data **generated or collected by UC**. Keep the policy close at hand.
- As research administrators, you encounter additional data questions:
 - How do we get research data from a third party?
 - Who signs this data use agreement?
 - How do I purchase this data set from a commercial source?
 - Does this data protocol need to be reviewed by the IRB?
 - Is this project subject to privacy restrictions?
 - How do I Licensing a Berkeley data set to a third party”
- We’ve got you covered...

Berkeley Campus has many research data resources:

- The [Data Classification Guidelines](#) provides guidance for the considerations necessary to determine the proper data classification [Protection Level](#).
- The [Research Data Management \(RDM\) Program](#) empowers UCB researchers and the campus research community to securely and efficiently manage research data.
- [The Library Data Services Program](#) guides scholars to discover, access, share, and preserve data through dataset acquisition, discovery, and librarian-led instruction and consultations.
- [Research Information Technology \(RIT\)](#) provides research data and computing technologies and consulting services for the UC Berkeley campus.
- The [Berkeley Intellectual Property & Industry Research Alliances](#) office prepares, negotiates and provides guidance on [receiving and sending materials or data](#) governed by material transfer or data use agreements.
- The [Berkeley Information Security Office](#) provides the following [researcher resources](#), guidelines and best practices for cybersecurity.
- **To see it all in one place**, visit the [Berkeley Research Data Portal](#) which aggregates resources and services for to all Berkeley researchers and staff.

What's next?

- UCOP is forming a workgroup to develop implementation guidance, principles on retention periods for research data, as well as checklist for University separation process.
- Active maintenance of UC Research Data Policy FAQs on RPAC website: <https://www.ucop.edu/research-policy-analysis-coordination/policies-guidance/research-data/index.html>
- **October 6 Brown Bag Zoom Lunch** with UC's Agnes Balla. Come and learn more about UC's new Research Data Policy, and the forthcoming NIH Research Data policy: to register, email Eric Giegerich: egiegerich@Berkeley.edu

Questions?