



## UH IBC APPENDIX J. Biological Research in Foreign Countries

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All biological research receiving funding through UH but conducted outside of the US must be registered with the IBC and comply with any rules of the host country.

Institutional approval may be required from the collaborating institution. This approval must be attached to your UH IBC Registration. The IBC policies apply to all research personnel engaged in activities and/or research involving recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules, biohazard agents, materials and toxins that are:

- Sponsored by the University.
- Conducted by University research personnel.
- Conducted using the University's property, and facilities.
- Received, stored, used, transferred or disposed of at any of the University facilities.
- Research at other institutions conducted on behalf of the University

If your research is being "conducted entirely outside of UH and/or the U.S", and no work will be done on the UH campus, review by UH's IBC may not be needed. However, institutional approval must be obtained from the collaborating institution. A copy must be forwarded to IBC.

Those investigators must submit their research protocol along with an application to an IBC for approval before their research can begin. The IBC monitors and provides continuing approval throughout a study.

For more information contact your representative from the Office of Research Services.

### Permits and Transport

If biological collecting specimen, ensure that all government agencies scientific collection permits are obtained. If shipping specimen back to UH, ensure export requirements from the country and obtained import requirements from federal and state. Federal or state import permits may be required for live organisms, including infectious clinical specimens. All IATA/DOT transport must be adhered with for transporting biological materials.

Before engaging in an international collaboration, the university needs to determine if export licenses are required and to verify that the foreign individual and/or organization are not blocked or sanctioned entities. Please contact UH Export Control Program. If there are any need for contractual agreement, UH Office of Innovation and Commercialization (MTA NOA or other MOU, LOI IOA Unfunded Research Agreements, etc. information.

## **U.S. Embargoes and Sanction Programs**

The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is responsible for enforcing all U.S. embargoes and sanction programs. Depending on each country's embargo or sanction program, different activities may or may not be prohibited without a specific government authorization or license.

### **Reference:**

University of Hawaii Global Sponsored Activities Guide (24 March 2015).

Risk Management: Sponsored International Study, Research and Training Involving UHM Student, Faculty and Staff (UHM Administrative Policy M2.40113 Jan 2010)