



Regents Policy Chapter 12, Research  
Regents Policy RP 12.206, Establishment and Review of Organized Research Units  
Effective Date: XXX  
Prior Dates Amended: Oct. 31, 2014 (recodified)  
Review Date: August 2019

**I. Purpose**

To set forth policy regarding the establishment and review of organized research units.

**II. Definitions**

No policy specific or unique definitions apply.

**III. Policy**

- A. The Board of Regents (“Board”) approves extra-departmental administrative structures, commonly referred to as organized research units (“ORU”). ORU provide a locus for faculty, staff and students to engage in focused, collaborative research and training activities. Organized research units may exist at the level of a School or college (Level V) or Department (Level IV). They are supported in part by the Organized Research Budget (UOH 102) and ORU are expected to generate significant grant and contract funding.
- B. The President shall establish rules and procedures for the establishment, review, and removal of ORU, including requirements for review and recommendations by the relevant campus faculty senate and administrators.
- C. ORU may not be formally established or discontinued until (1) review, as prescribed by the President, has been completed; (2) the President makes a recommendation to the Board; and (3) the Board has given its approval.

**IV. Delegation of Authority**

There is no policy specific delegation of authority.

**V. Contact Information**

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**VI. References**

- A. <http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/>
- B. RP 3.202, Reorganizations
- C. EP 12.213, Establishment and Review of Organized Research Units
- D. AP 3.101, University of Hawai'i Organizational and Functional Changes

**VII. Exhibits and Appendices**

No Exhibits and Appendices found

**Approved:**

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Executive Administrator and  
Secretary of the Board of Regents

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