

How Universities Ensure Compliance with Funding Requirements

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All research universities will have an entity called **Office of the Vice President for Research** or the **Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research**, depending if the university is under the president or chancellor system.

The **Division of Research Program Development**: informs the faculty members about all the funding opportunities that are available and helps them prepare their grants.

The **Division of Sponsored Programs**: does the actual submission and sends the proposal electronically to the agencies. It is also responsible for getting in and setting up the accounts for when the money comes in. They keep track of all of that.

The **Division of Contracts and Grants**: like a tax accounting, it makes sure the faculty member is spending the money exactly the way it is supposed to be spent. For example, let's say if the research has 100 thousand to pay for equipment, this division makes sure the money is spent in a timely manner so that the researcher can do the research properly.

The **Division of Research Compliance**: makes sure the research is conducted in accordance with federal regulations for research projects involving animals and human subjects. Are all the ethical aspects being followed, are all the personnel trained appropriately so that they know what the rules are?

The **Division of Research Operations and Services**: while the division of Research Compliance is the broad overview place to set policies, the division of Research Operations and Services takes care of nuts and bolts regarding the different compliance units on campus.

The **Division of Technology Transfer**: this division is really important because it takes a discovery that was made in a research lab and commercializes it or makes it available for the general public to use. For example, Gatorade was a result of federal funding and continues to be a huge benefit for the community at large.

