

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH POLICY FOR THE SUMMER 2021 SEMESTER

Beginning Monday May 10, in the summer 2021 semester onsite research by University of Utah undergraduate students will no longer require dean's approvals. However, the following COVID-19 safety restrictions will still be in effect:

- 1) The student and the student's supervisor agree to follow all safety and other protocols specified by the State and University.
- 2) Students and all researchers are expected to participate in [weekly COVID-19 testing](#). Until further notice, weekly tested is expected even for personnel who have been fully vaccinated.
- 3) Non-UofU students visiting from other institutions are subject to a different policy and approval process. [Find guidance here](#).
- 4) Outside of scheduled instructional classes and clinical care settings, in person gatherings of students above a certain size (10 or more as of this writing) are also subject to a separate approval process. [See the current COVID protocol for in-person gatherings for more information](#).
- 5) As a reminder, some students or their families are at high risk for COVID-related illness and/or cannot be vaccinated. Faculty should not pressure students to participate in onsite research. The Faculty Code states: *"University teaching should reflect consideration for the dignity of students and their rights as persons. ... Teachers must ... treat students with courtesy and respect. ... They must not misuse their position, authority, or relationship with students. ... Faculty members have the same duties to students in clinical and research settings, in distance learning, and in other non-traditional settings as they do in the traditional classroom."* (6-316).

COVID-19 safety restrictions are continually updated to reflect current conditions and this policy is subject to change. Please check the [Campus COVID-19 Response](#) and [VPR Research Community Updates](#) pages for the most current information.

Questions about this policy can be directed to [vproffice@utah.edu](mailto:vproffice@utah.edu).