Research Security

The College District shall promote the security of the College District's academic research so as to achieve the highest level of compliance with applicable ethical, legal, regulatory, contractual, and College District standards and requirements for securing and protecting the College District's research portfolios.

Research Security Officer

The Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research shall serve as the research security officer (RSO) and shall be responsible for administering the College District's research security program consistent with law, this policy, and associated administrative procedures. The RSO shall maintain classified information, maintain controlled unclassified information, conduct foreign influence reporting, maintain the export control program, and coordinate the National Security Presidential Memorandum 33 (NSPM-33) requirements. The RSO shall also be the point of contact for communication with federal and state agencies on research security matters.

The RSO shall attend the annual academic security and counter exploitation program seminar offered by Texas A&M University.

Research Security Program

The RSO shall develop, administer, and annually review and approve a research security program designed in accordance with law and applicable standards to address the security of College District research against unauthorized disclosure or foreign interference. The program shall include procedures for risk assessment and mitigation, research security awareness education for employees when hired and periodically thereafter, and advising College District employees and officials on research security practices.