

Indiana University
Department of Family Medicine

Research, Contracts and Grants Usage Policy

The IU Department of Family Medicine is committed to promoting an atmosphere of ethical conduct and integrity. Departmental faculty, staff, and students are expected to comply with the highest ethical standards of conduct and integrity.

The Indiana University Department of Family Medicine leadership core (“Department”) promotes research and scholarly activities of its faculty, staff, and students (“Employee”). These activities are governed by the Department and managed by the Principal Employee of the funded or scholarly activity. The Department holds all ownership of funded and unfunded research and scholarly activities. Employees who author or conduct research and scholarly activities are recognized as such as part of the Department.

All research and scholarly activities will be conducted with the highest integrity. Misconduct, including fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or similar activity, at any stage of the activity (proposal, performance, research review or reporting) will not be tolerated. Future approvals may be denied and disciplinary action taken.

Approvals: The Department will provide final approvals for all research and scholarly activities conducted as part of the Department. Activities involving funding solicitation require Department approval. This includes, but is not limited to initial requests, budget development, budget justifications, solicitations of funding changes to agencies, requested extensions of funding, and early termination of funded activities. The Principal Employee is responsible for timely submissions of all funding solicitations. Approvals will be granted when appropriate justification is provided. If it is deemed the funding solicitation is made under false pretenses and not ethically sound, the request will be denied by the Department. It is at the chairman’s discretion to make any changes to contracts, grants, or other funding resources.

Confidentiality: It is implied that all Employees conducting research or scholarly activity will abide by the Statement of Confidentiality. All information contained within the research or scholarly activity will remain the property of the Department. Data, statements, reports, and other similar items or activities used outside the Department without prior permission or acknowledgement will be considered as theft, plagiarism, or otherwise, and may result in legal action.