# WHO TO TURN TO



Institutional Leaders Responsible for Research Oversight and Support



Last updated March 2025

### **DESIGNATED RESPONSIBLE PARTY**



Kevin Morano, PhD Senior Vice President Academic and Faculty Affairs 713-500-5890 Kevin.A.Morano@uth.tmc.edu

#### Goal

To support UTHealth's research activities and its researchers by providing a safe, ethical and responsible environment for the conduct of research.

# **INSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE LEADERSHIP**



**Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, M.D.** President, UTHealth Houston Chair, Executive Compliance Committee *Professor of Pediatrics, Medical School* 



Kevin Dillon, MBA, CPA Sr. Executive Vice President, Chief Operating and Financial Officer 713-500-3535 Kevin.Dillon@uth.tmc.edu



Kevin Morano, PhD Senior Vice President Academic and Faculty Affairs 713-500-5890 Kevin.A.Morano@uth.tmc.edu



Melissa Pifko, JD Vice President and Chief Legal Officer 713-500-3268 Melissa.Pifkko@uth.tmc.edu



Karen K. Spillar, JD Vice President of Enterprise Risk Management Chief Compliance Officer 713-500-3310 Karen.K.Spillar@uth.tmc.edu



Daniel Sherman, MBA, CPA, CIA Vice President and Chief Audit Officer 713-500-3270 Daniel.Sherman@uth.tmc.edu

# **RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AT THE SCHOOLS**



John Byrne, PhD Associate Dean for Research McGovern Medical School 713-500-5602 John.H.Byrne@uth.tmc.edu https://med.uth.edu/researchaffairs/



Constance M Johnson, PhD, MSN, RN, FAAN Associate Dean for Research School of Nursing 713-500-9936 Constance.M.Johnson@uth.tmc.edu https://nursing.uth.edu/research/default.htm



Jon Tyson, MD, MPG Vice Dean for Clinical Research McGovern Medical School 713-500-5651 Jon.E.Tyson@uth.tmc.edu https://med.uth.edu/crebm/



Mary C. "Cindy" Farach-Carson, PhD Associate Dean for Research School of Dentistry 713-486-4338 Mary.C.FarachCarson@uth.tmc.edu https://dentistry.uth.edu/research/



Elmer Bernstam, MD, MSE Associate Dean for Research School of Biomedical Informatics 713-500-3927 Elmer.V.Bernstam@uth.tmc.edu https://sbmi.uth.edu/research/



Susan Tortelero Emery, PhD Associate Dean for Research School of Public Health 713-500-9091 Susan.Tortolero@uth.tmc.edu https://sph.uth.edu/research/

To support UTHealth Houston's research activities and its researchers by providing a safe, ethical and responsible environment for the conduct of research.

# **SPONSORED RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION**



Kathleen Kriedler, MBA AVP, Sponsored Projects Administration 713-500-3968 Kathleen.Kriedler@uth.tmc.edu



Kristin Parks Director, Clinical Research Finance 713-500-3983 Kristin.Parks@uth.tmc.edu

Valerie Bomben, PhD

713-500-3174

**Director, Sponsored Contracts** 

Valerie.C.Bomben@uth.tmc.edu



Carmen Martinez, MHA, CRA Director of Grants and Contracts, Sponsored Projects Administration 713.500.3091 Carmen.Martinez.1@uth.tmc.edu

**Teresa Flores, MBA** 

713-500-4195

**Director, Post Award Finance** 

Teresa.D.Flores@uth.tmc.edu



**Tiffany Sagers, MBA** Director, Training and Communication 713-500-3492 <u>Tiffany.Sagers@uth.tmc.edu</u>

#### Sponsored Projects Administration

(SPA), as part of Finance and Business Services, supports UTHealth *Houston faculty, staff, and students* in the acquisition and administration of programs funded from sources outside the University. SPA is the central point of coordination and tracking for sponsored projects and is UTHealth Houston's authorized representative for grants, contracts, and other agreements from *government agencies, private* industry, and non-profit foundations.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND COMMITMENT**

#### **Research Conflict of Interest Committee and Institutional Conflict of Interest Committee**



Kevin Dillon, MBA, CPA Sr. Executive Vice President, Co-chair, ICOI Committee Chief Operating and Financial Officer 713-500-3535 Kevin.Dillon@uth.tmc.edu



Kevin Morano, PhD Co-chair, ICOI Committee Senior Vice President Academic and Faculty Affairs 713-500-5890 Kevin.A.Morano@uth.tmc.edu



Todd Johnson, PhD Chair, RCOI Committee Professor, SBMI 713-500-3913 Todd.R.Johnson@uth.tmc.edu



Vyju Ram, MD Director, COI Program 713-500-3239 Vyju.Ram@uth.tmc.edu



Susan Urban, MBA Assistant Manager, COI Program 713-500-3007 Susan.M.Urban@uth.tmc.edu



Renu Abraham, MSHA, MBA Research Compliance Specialist 713-500-3420 Renu.M.Abraham@uth.tmc.edu The University is committed to protect the credibility and reputation of the university, the UT System, and members of the faculty and staff by providing a transparent system of approval, disclosure, and documentation of employee activities outside the university that might otherwise raise concerns about conflicts of interest or conflicts of commitment.

Research COI: <u>https://www.uth.edu/evpara/rcoi/index.htm</u> COI Disclosures: <u>https://inside.uth.edu/evpara/coi/financial-disclosures.htm</u> Prior Approval of Outside Activities: https://inside.uth.edu/evpara/coi/outside-activities.htm

## **PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS**

**Committee for The Protection of Human Subjects** 



Anne Dougherty, MD Vice President, Human Research Protection Programs Institutional Official Professor, Internal Medicine - Cardiology McGovern Medical School 713-500-6590 Anne.H.Dougherty@uth.tmc.edu



Rebecca Lunstroth, JD Chair IRB #1

**Rita Swinford, MD** 

Vice Chair IRB #1



Deborah Brown, MD Chair IRB #2

Cathy Thompson, BSN, MPH

Vice Chair IRB #2



Charles Miller, PhD Chair IRB #3



Max Buja, MD Chair Panel #4



Susie Wootton, MD Vice Chair IRB #3



Joy Schmitz, PhD Vice Chair IRB #4

The Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) is the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for UTHealth Houston. All research involving human subjects conducted by UTHealth Houston faculty, staff and must be reviewed and approved by CPHS.



### **RESEARCH INTEGRITY**



Kevin Morano, PhD Senior Vice President and Associate Dean Academic and Faculty Affairs 713-500-5890 Kevin.A.Morano@uth.tmc.edu



Sujatha Sridhar, MBBS, MCE Associate Vice President Research Compliance 713-500-3622 Sujatha.Sridhar@uth.tmc.edu



Meredith Mills, JD Managing Legal Officer Legal Affairs 713-500-3282 Meredith.Mills@uth.tmc.edu The University strives to create a research climate that promotes faithful adherence to high ethical standards in the conduct of research.

HOOP 202 Honesty in Research provides greater detail on these policies and procedures.

Compliance Hotline number 1-888-472-9868

Compliance Web Report website www.tnwinc.com/webreport

Compliance: <u>https://www.uth.edu/compliance/index.htm</u> Research: <u>https://www.uth.edu/research/index.htm</u>

### **CARE AND USE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH**

#### **Animal Welfare Committee**



Juan Herrera, PhD Chairperson, Animal Welfare Committee 713-500-7628 Juan.Herrera@uth.tmc.edu



Mary Robinson, DVM, DACLAM Executive Director and Associate Professor Center for Laboratory and Animal Medicine and Care 713-500-7542 Mary.Robinson@uth.tmc.edu

Brid Nic Dhonnchadha, PhD Manager, Institutional Animal Care & Committee 713-500-3514 Brid.NicDhonnchadha@uth.tmc.edu The Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) is the Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee for UTHealth Houston and provides for the review, approval and monitoring of all animal research carried our by UTHealth Houston faculty, staff and students.

The AWC and the Center for Laboratory Animal Medicine and Care (CLAMC) provide a series of training courses in Laboratory Animal Research.

iRIS Log In Screen: <u>https://iris.uth.tmc.edu/</u> AWC Website: <u>https://www.uth.edu/animal-research/</u> CLAMC: <u>https://www.uth.edu/animal-research/clamc.htm</u>

# **STEM CELLS**

#### **Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee**



Brian Davis, PhD

Professor & Director, Center for Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine; C. Harold and Lorine G. Wallace Distinguished University Chair 713-500-3145 Brian.R.Davis@uth.tmc.edu



Elizabeth Gendel, PhD Assistant Director Research Compliance 713-500-3587 Elizabeth.M.Gendel@uth.tmc.edu All research involving human embryonic stem cells (hESCs) or human induced pluripotent stem cells (hIPSCs) conducted at the university by its employees and/or involving use of its facilities or resources must be reviewed and approved by the **SCRO Committee** before it is initiated.

#### SAFETY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND RISK MANAGEMENT



**Robert Emery, DrPH, CHP, CIH, CBSP, CSP, CHMM, CPP, ARM** Vice President, Safety, Health, Environment, and Risk Management

Professor of Occupational Health, UT School of Public Health 713.500.8100 Robert.J.Emery@uth.tmc.edu



Scott J. Patlovich, DrPH, CIH, CSP, CBSP, CHMM, CPH Assistant Vice President of Environmental Health and Safety 713.500.8103 Scott.J.Patlovich@uth.tmc.edu

#### Safety, Health, Environment & Risk Management's (SHERM)

mission is to work in conjunction with the UTHealth Houston community to ensure that education, research, and health care service activities take place in conditions that are optimally safe and healthy for all students, faculty, staff, visitors, surrounding community and the general public.

### **SAFETY COMMITTEES**



Natalia Sanchez, MD Chair, Safety Council Director, Student Health Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, 713-500-5666 Natalia.N.Sanchez@uth.tmc.edu



Ambro van Hoof, PhD Chair, Radiation Safety Committee Professor Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, 713-500-5234 Ambro.Van.Hoof@uth.tmc.edu



Don Molony, PhD Chair, Chemical Safety Committee Professor Renal Medicine and Hypertension 713-500-6872 Donald.A.Molony@uth.tmc.edu

Catherine Denicourt, PhD Chair, Institutional Biosafety Committee Assistant Professor Integrative Biology and Pharmacology 713-500-5696 Catherine.Denicourt@uth.tmc.edu



Janet Gutierrez, DrPH, CHP, CSP, RRPT Radiation Safety Program Manager 713-500-5844 Janet.R.McCrary@uth.tmc.edu



William Bryan, PhD Chemical Safety Program Manager 713-500-5836 William.W.Bryan@uth.tmc.edu



Kristin King, PhD, CPH, CBSP, CHSP, CIC Biological Safety Program Manager 713-500-8163 Kristin.G.King@uth.tmc.edu

Safety Committees Webpage: https://www.uth.edu/safety/safety-committees.htm

Radiation Safety Program: <u>https://www.uth.edu/safety/radiation-safety/index.htm</u> Chemical Safety Program: <u>https://www.uth.edu/safety/chemical-safety/index.htm</u> Biological Safety Program: <u>https://www.uth.edu/safety/biological-safety/index.htm</u> 12

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY Technology Management



Bruce Butler, PhD Vice President Research and Technology Professor of Anesthesiology, Medical School 713.500.3369 Bruce.D.Butler@uth.tmc.edu



Christine E. Flynn, PhD Associate Director, Licensing and New Venture Development 713.500.3383 Christine.Flynn@uth.tmc.edu

The mission of the Office of Technology Management is to provide a resource for faculty, staff and student inventors that will allow inventors an avenue to explore the opportunities for their inventions, coordinate appropriate legal protection for the intellectual property, and undertake the technology transfer activities, while ensuring that new products and methods are made available to the citizens of Texas and generating a royalty income for the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Office of Technology Management: https://www.uth.edu/otm/index.htm

# **EXPORT AND ITAR CONTROLS**



Bruce Butler, PhD Vice President Research and Technology Professor of Anesthesiology, Medical School 713.500.3369 Bruce.D.Butler@uth.tmc.edu



Meredith Mills, JD Managing Legal Officer, Legal Affairs 713.500.3282 Meredith.Mills@uth.tmc.edu



William B. (Liam) McElhiney, III Legal Officer 713.500.3284 William.B.McElhiney@uth.tmc.edu A license is required to export regulated items, but there are important exemptions for research and teaching activities at universities. The regulation and licensing requirements depend on what is being exported, where it is going, who will receive the export, and how it will be used. UTHealth Houston and its faculty, staff and trainees must comply with these regulations.

The individuals listed on this page can assist you in answering any questions you may have about how the regulations apply to your research, if a license is required, or how to obtain a license.

# **RESEARCH SUPPORT SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

- 1. Department colleagues, administrators, DMOs and Associate Deans for Management may be good first resources.
- 2. Each UTHealth Houston school has an Associate Dean for Research (see slide 4).
- 3. University leaders indicated in this brochure may <u>always</u> be contacted for support and information.
- 4. If you experience difficulty finding information, please feel free to contact the <u>Office of</u> <u>Research Affairs</u> at <u>research@uth.tmc.edu</u>

#### **Our Collective Goal**

To support UTHealth Houston's research activities and its researchers by providing a safe, ethical and responsible environment for the conduct of research.