DEPARTMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

BSD-015 CLASSIFIED RESEARCH

PURPOSE

To control and safeguard all classified materials coming into, generated by, and/or leaving from any and all segments of the University of Miami.

POLICY

The United States Department of Defense Security Agreement, to which the University is a signatory, imposes certain restrictions for the purpose of safeguarding information which is classified in the interests of the national defense of our nation. Therefore, the Facility Security Officer shall supervise and implement all applicable procedures required by the Department of Defense and its agencies.

PROCEDURE

All proposals for classified research must be processed through Sponsored Programs and Fiscal Management. If a proposal is known to contain classified information or if there is a question as to whether it does or not, contact the Facility Security Officer, Raul F. Garcia-Casariego, at (305) 243-3400. Whenever a United States Department of Defense DD Form 254, Contract Security Classification Specification, is received by Sponsored Programs, Fiscal Management or a researcher, the Facility Security Officer shall be notified and provided a copy of the DD 254.

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STATEMENT ON FREEDOM OF COMMUNICATION IN SPONSORED PROGRAMS AT
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1. The University reserves the right to accept only contracts or grants that permit it to disclose (a) the existence of the grant or contract, (b) the identity of the sponsor (or prime sponsor of a sub-contract), and (c) the objectives or purpose of the proposed project.

2. The University will not enter into any contract or grant that explicitly or implicitly may interfere with the disclosure of independent recommendations or objective conclusions, nor allow any outside pressure to bias valid results.

3. The University will not enter into any contract or grant that specifically prevents the free exchange of ideas, or prohibits the free publication of results, except as detailed in (4) below.

4. It is recognized that contracts or grants may legitimately vest proprietary rights in products or by-products, such as patentable inventions, in the sponsor of the contract or grant, and that the investigator may be required to protect these proprietary rights against disclosure. It is also recognized that contracts or grants may legitimately require preliminary or interim reports which are proprietary communications between the investigator or project director and the sponsor. Moreover, the practice of many funding agencies to require that results and reports be submitted to the sponsor for information and review before publication is viewed as normal and legitimate.

5. The Provisions of paragraphs (1) through (4) may be waived by the President of the University after consultation with the Research Council. The Research Council shall be informed by the President of all waivers of these provisions.

6. In time of national emergency, officially declared by the President or the Congress of the United States, this policy will be rescinded.