

STATE OF HAWAI'I
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA
OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH

FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT

OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH (OVCR) – Org Code: MAVCRG

Overview of Office

In support of the deans and directors and in collaboration with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, this Office has leadership responsibility for the planning, direction, initiation, development and coordination of research programs of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. The Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR) serves as the chief policy advisor to the Chancellor in these areas and the chief operating officer for University of Hawai'i at Mānoa research programs.

Authority

The OVCR has the authority to develop new research programs within the applicable campus executive and Board of Regents policies, to allocate or reallocate budgets of the Research and Training Revolving Funds in support of the research enterprise, to develop and promulgate policies for compliance of the research faculty and staff with Federal and State regulations, and to take actions to improve the research climate at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Leadership, direction and oversight is provided to select organized research units (ORUs), and the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology.

Interactions with other UHM Vice Chancellors

The VCR works with the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to ensure that the research programs of the academic units are provided with the best possible support; with the VC for Administration, Finance and Operations to ensure responsible allocation and expenditure of financial resources, to ensure that the research enterprise is well-represented in the media, to ensure that researchers have access to the best information technology available at the University, and to ensure that personnel actions taken are reasonable and compliant; to ensure that physical facilities are adequate for research needs; and with the VC for Students to ensure optimal involvement of students in the research activities of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Major Functions of the Office

In support of and under the direction of the Chancellor, the Office directs the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's research programs through the development of governing policies, the conduct of program planning and assessment, the determination of directions, the setting of priorities in response to new research opportunities, the formulation of goals and objectives, and the allocation of resources.

The Office is actively involved in encouraging and developing new research initiatives, in providing an environment conducive to research, in establishing approved new research programs, and in restructuring existing programs within policy. The Office facilitates and encourages innovation, technology transfer, and economic development activities at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa by interacting with UH System Office of Innovation and Commercialization responsible for supporting these activities.

The responsibilities of this Office also include the following:

- Initiates and develops long-range planning for research at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- Facilitates the activities of the research units and programs through the respective academic deans and directors.
- Selects/appoints University of Hawai'i at Mānoa representatives to various external and internal boards and committees associated with University research programs.

- Serves as the Chancellor's representative for research with a variety of individuals, groups and agencies, both inside and outside the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, such as Federal and State agencies, other research institutes and universities, legislators, and the general public, which have the potential to take appropriate actions to enhance the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's research programs and capabilities.
- Serves as the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa source of expertise on the subject of research programs and activities.
- Manages strategic initiatives, research program development, research information systems, and business operations of the Office of the VCR.
- Finds means by which the research environment can be improved and made more conducive to research and educating faculty concerning research funding opportunities and proposal preparation.
- Identifies opportunities for Federal funding of research and helping researchers obtain the Federal financial support they need.
- Manages the Research and Training Revolving Funds, the fiscal management of campus wide research initiatives headed by the office of the VCR, the management of internal resource allocations within the office of the VCR and the interaction with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii in fiscal matters.
- Administers and coordinates a campus-wide undergraduate research opportunities program for undergraduate students in all disciplines.
- Interacts with the UH System Office of Research Services, Office of Innovation and Commercialization, and Office of Research Compliance, to foster research and training, technology transfer, and commercialization activities at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- Serves as the Chancellor's representative and advisor on interactions with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i.
- Provides advice, assistance, financial support, and administrative guidance for new research centers and institutions during the formative or start-up phases.
- Supports the Chancellor in other matters as directed.

The following units report to the Vice Chancellor:

- School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology – Org Code: MAOEST
- UH Cancer Center – Org Code: MACRCH
- Waikīkī Aquarium – Org Code: MAWA
- Lyon Arboretum – Org Code: MALYON
- Institute for Astronomy – Org Code: MAIFA
- Water Resources Research Center – Org Code: MAWRRC
- Environmental Health and Safety Office – Org Code: MAEHSO