**MGA POLICY NUMBER**: Research: 12.1

**MGA POLICY NAME**: Research and Compliance

**POLICY:** Middle Georgia State University (MGA) shall abide by all applicable Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG) policies pertaining to Human Subject Research, BioSafety Protocols, and Animal Research Protocols in addition to the requirements, standards, and expectations outlined within federal, state, or municipal research awards or contracts.

This policy establishes a compliance framework to ensure that the University's research operations are conducted in accordance with relevant professional, ethical, and legal obligations, and are organized to encourage the professional development of qualified and trained researchers, proactive research management, protection of research subjects, and protection of research data.

**CONTEXT:** This policy applies to all University employees, students, and records (regardless of location or format) made or received in the transaction of University business.

*The Office of Institutional Research and MGA’s Institutional Review Board are authorized to draft procedures, standards, and policies related to compliance with this Policy. The Executive Director of Institutional Research and the Chair of the IRB must approve procedures. The functional data governance committee must approve standards, and the cabinet must approve updates to policy.*

**Functional Committee Approval Date**: \_\_1/23/20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Cabinet Approval Date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Posted Date for 30 day Review: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature of the President: Date:**

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**ADMINSTRATIVE AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

* Short Title: “Research”
* Original Draft Date: 1/10/20
* Previous Version: N/A
* Oversight: University OIR and IRB

**Additional Resources:**

* USG Business Procedures Manual 12
* DHHS Office of Research Integrity
* NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide
* NIH Central Resource for Grants and Funding Information

**Associated MGA Policies, Standards, Procedures, and Documents:**

* MGA Records Management Policy
* MGA Open Records Procedures
* MGA FERPA Policy
* MGA Privacy Standard
* MGA IRB Handbook
* MGA Principle Investigators Handbook