

# Research Policy DIGEST

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This digest summarizes recently approved compliance policies to keep stakeholders informed and includes a link to the policy brief for each policy. Policy Briefs provide a quick overview of scope, applicability, and compliance with university policies.

## POLICIES APPROVED IN 2025/JAN. 2026

### [Policy 2.126 – Effort Reporting](#)

**Approved July 29, 2025**

Policy 2.126 (Effort Reporting) establishes Emory University's requirements for accurately certifying employee effort on sponsored projects, ensuring compliance with federal Uniform Guidance and sponsor expectations. It outlines roles, timelines, and escalation procedures to maintain accountability in documenting that payroll charges reflect actual work performed.

[Policy Brief](#)

### [Policy 7.81 – ESCRO](#)

**Approved August 13, 2025**

Policy 7.81 (ESCRO) outlines Emory University's ethical and regulatory requirements for conducting research involving human embryonic stem cells, induced pluripotent stem cells, nonhuman embryonic stem cells, and human fetal tissue, including mandatory review by the ESCRO Committee and compliance with federal and institutional guidelines. It defines permitted and prohibited research activities, required oversight processes, and the responsibilities of researchers and review committees, human embryonic stem cells, and human fetal tissue, including mandatory review by the ESCRO Committee and compliance with federal and institutional guidelines. It defines permitted and prohibited research activities, required oversight processes, and the responsibilities of researchers and review committees.

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### [Policy 7.11 – Export Control](#)

**Approved September 30, 2025**

Policy 7.11 (Export Control) outlines Emory University's framework for complying with U.S. export control and trade sanctions regulations, ensuring that international research, collaborations, travel, shipping, and access to controlled technologies are conducted lawfully. It defines key responsibilities, screening processes, and oversight mechanisms to mitigate institutional and individual risk while supporting global academic engagement.

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### [Policy 7.71 – Billing Coverage for Uninsured and/or Injured Research Subjects](#)

**Approved November 11, 2025**

Policy 7.71 (Research Billing) outlines Emory University's requirements for covering routine clinical trial costs and research-related injury care for uninsured or underinsured research subjects, ensuring sponsors and institutional processes protect participants from undue financial burden. It clarifies when sponsors, insurers, or Emory itself are responsible for costs, and sets strict limits on contract language to safeguard subjects' rights.

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### [Policy 7.8 – Research Misconduct](#)

**Approved January 2, 2026**

Policy 7.8 (Research Misconduct) outlines Emory University's procedures for reporting, assessing, inquiring into, and investigating allegations of research misconduct, ensuring integrity, accountability, and compliance with federal regulations. It defines the roles, responsibilities, and protections for all parties involved while establishing a structured process for addressing fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism.

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [ORA Policy Approval](#)
- [Emory Research Policies](#)
- [Emory Research Policy Briefs](#)