

Oklahoma State University Policy and Procedures

PUBLISHING RESULTS OF SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS

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POLICY

1.01 Oklahoma State University retains the rights for researchers to publish results of research projects, regardless of funder, unless such rights are explicitly waived or modified in advance of accepting the funding and undertaking the research. Creation and dissemination of knowledge is fundamental to university scholarship, and the policy's goal is to safeguard student, faculty, and staff's general right to publish.

1.02 The following are some examples of limitations of publication rights which may appear in gifts, grants or contracts: (i) the results of OSU research are assigned to an entity other than OSU; (ii) a requirement in which an entity other than OSU must provide advance review or approval of OSU publications or presentations, (iii) assigning the final decision as to what may be published to an entity other than OSU; and (iv) any confidentiality clause prohibiting OSU from publication or presentation of its research results. OSU may agree to a limitation of publication rights when one or more of the following conditions exist:

- A. Security considerations are involved with national interest, the results of which may be controlled or "classified" by the federal government.
- B. Other special or extraordinary circumstances prevail which necessitate delayed publication but do not involve censorship of the results of the project. This may include funder review of proposed publications for proprietary information or to determine if a patentable invention is disclosed.

1.03 With the exceptions of theses and dissertations, the Vice President for Research has the sole authority to approve limitations to publication rights on behalf of OSU, after consultation with relevant researchers and administrators. In cases involving limits to the publication of graduate student theses or dissertations, the Dean of the Graduate College approves embargos under the policies approved by the Graduate Council.

1.04 Faculty, staff, and/or students associated with projects which limit publication rights are to be notified, in writing, in advance of performing or committing to perform work on the project. Acknowledgement of receipt of such notification by the recipient should be obtained for the project file. No faculty member will be compelled to participate in research with publication restrictions.

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