

Notice Regarding University of Rhode Island Purchasing Regulations

The University of Rhode Island Purchasing Department is responsible for all procurement at the University of Rhode Island. In general, procurement activities are governed by the source of funds supporting that purchase. Purchasing procedures have been developed so procurement decisions will be made in the best interest of the University and will be in compliance with the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, State procurement regulations, and the University Board of Trustees procurement regulations in addition to all applicable and associated University policies.

The University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees is responsible for the implementation of purchasing regulations relative to the University (RIGL §16-32-2 and §37-2-18.2) in that the University of Rhode Island is considered a public agency with regards to all procurement using Restricted, Sponsored, or Auxiliary Funds (RIGL §37-2-7(16)). All procurements completed with Restricted, Sponsored, or Auxiliary Funds must comply with Rhode Island General Laws where applicable as well as the Board of Trustees Procurement Regulations.

All purchases completed with funds that are not defined as Restricted, Sponsored, or Auxiliary Funds must comply with RIGL §37-2 (State Purchases) as well as Rhode Island Code of Regulations Title 220, Chapter 30.

For purchases completed with a combination of Restricted, Sponsored or Auxiliary Funds with other funds, the procedures outlined in Rhode Island Code of Regulations Title 220, Chapter 30 will prevail.

Links and Resources

- All relevant forms related to Purchasing can be found at the University of Rhode Island Purchasing website <https://web.uri.edu/purchasing/>.
- [RIGL 37-2 \(State Purchases\)](#)
- [Rhode Island Code of Regulations 220-RICR-30-00](#)
- [Rhode Island Code of Regulations 220-RICR-30-13 General Conditions and its addendums](#)
 - Addendum A can be found [here](#)
- [University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees Procurement Regulations](#)
- [University of Rhode Island Purchasing Fund Definitions](#)

Definitions

Auxiliary Funds: means funds related to an entity that exists to furnish Supplies or Services to students, faculty, or staff and that charges a fee directly related to the costs of Supplies or Services and are considered “Restricted Funds.” Auxiliary entities are managed as essentially self-supporting activities. Examples include but are not limited to residence halls, dining Services, and student health Services.

Restricted Funds. Those funds expendable for operating purposes but restricted by donors or other outside agencies as to the specific purpose for which they may be expended (e.g., endowment funds, gifts, scholarships, governmental grants, private grants, Auxiliary entities, restricted operational purposes with use-restrictions designated by the appropriating body). Restricted Funds do not include Sponsored Funds (see Sponsored Funds).

Sponsored Funds: Those funds provided by donors or other outside agencies for research or research-related purposes.

Questions about Purchasing rules, regulations, or statutes should be directed to the Director of Purchasing at (401) 874-2171