

Other Contractual Obligations

Checklist for Principal Investigators Transferring out of or Departing URI

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This checklist is intended for Principal Investigators (PIs) who are leaving the University (including retirees who will be faculty emeriti). The checklist includes items relevant to research activities to ensure notification of the appropriate central research offices prior to the PI's departure. Please work directly with your Dean or Associate Dean of Research to ensure completion of all relevant requirements. Contact each office below, as applicable, and provide the requested information.

The diagram below provides a broad overview of PI transfer/departure considerations. You will find detailed items in the checklist that correspond to the sponsored projects, property, and compliance sections below.

NOTE: In addition to completing the steps of this checklist, the PI is required to coordinate their departure with the Human Resources Consultant for their unit.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES SPONSORED PROJECTS Grants and contracts are awarded to the Institution, not to Various offices, units, and individuals contribute to the transfer process depending on their role, the Institution's policies and individual Principal Investigators (PIs). When a PI's affiliation with decisions made regarding sponsored projects and lab facilities. the Institution dissolves, the Institution has the option to retain, relinguish or terminate the award with the Sponsor. Departing PI Relinquish & Transfer Award Retain Award Department Unit (Administrators, Dean and/or Chair) Central Administration Determine Procedures Courtesy Appointment Compliance Units (EH&S, IACUC, IRB, IBC, Export Determine Final Balance New PI Assignment Control. etc.) New Subaward Relinquishment Other Units (Property, Human Resources) New Institution Proposal Sponsor Terminate Award New Institution Determine Final Balance Relinquishment PROPERTY COMPLIANCE The Institution, not the PI, is the custodian of all property and has the Compliance with URI's policies and option to retain, relinquish or dispose of procedures and federal regulations must be property. Consideration of title to property taken into consideration when a PI is may vary depending on acquisition. departing the University. Property includes: Considerations include: Capital equipment Animal Research (IACUC) Non-capital property Human Subject Research (IRB) Supplies Biosafety (IBC) Considerations: Environmental Health & Safety Export Controls Titled Intellectual Property Value Personnel Actions Transfer Agreement

Surplus Dispose

OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROJECTS (OSP)

Start Here: These items apply to all departing PIs with Sponsored project awards and/or proposals.

(√)	Checklist Item	Responsibility	Point(s) of Contact
	 PI should review projects with their Dean before beginning the grant separation and termination process. Grants are awarded to the institution. It is only upon Dean recommendation to the VPR that sponsored awards are permitted to be transferred. Please note that prior approval from the agency may be needed; PI should confirm with their Program Officer. 	Departing PI	 College Dean Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP) Department Chair
	 Provide OSP with the following information: Active sponsored project(s) in which you are a PI, Co-PI, listed as key personnel or collaborator Have committed (cost share) and/or actual effort on a sponsored project Sponsored projects that include subawards Pending proposals that are likely to be funded and/or agreements pending execution Any active contractual agreements (Federal/State funded grants, cooperative agreements/contracts, subcontracts) 	Departing PI	• OSP
	 Ensure all reports (financial and technical) and other deliverables have been submitted to sponsors Work with the Departmental Effort Coordinator to review and certify their final effort statement Note: Noncompliance with submitted final Progress Report may result in both the Investigator and Institution not being able to accept future funding from the agency. 	Departing PI	 OSP Departmental Effort Coordinator

(√)	If you have:	That will:	You will need to:	Point(s) of Contact
	Active External Awards	Transfer to new institution	 Determine if subaward back to URI is needed (i.e. to continue support of grad students / fellows) Submit a request to OSP to transfer the award; agency relinquishing statement Notify OSP to terminate subawards Submit a prior approval request to OSP to transfer equipment to the new institution Submit any outstanding reports to sponsor and deliverables Close out the award 	• OSP

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		Relinquish prior to separation	 Notify OSP to terminate subawards Submit any outstanding reports and deliverables to sponsor Submit a final invention statement, if applicable Work with OSP to close out the award Equipment purchased with grant funding can be transferred to a new institution based on approval from the College Dean and the Property & Support Services Department. The PI should develop a list of equipment being used in active grants and justification for transfer. 	 OSP Funding agency Property & Support Services Department
		Remain at this institution	 Identify new PI of record Notify funding agency of new PI of record Submit official request to OSP to change PI on project 	Funding agencyOSP
	Expired external awards		Submit any outstanding reports and deliverables to sponsor	Funding agency

	POST AWARD CLOSEOUT CHECKLIST				
(√)	Item	Responsibility	Point(s) of Contact		
	1. Financial Closeout				
	<u>Final Expenditure Review</u>		OSP Post-Award		
	Verify that all expenditures are allowable, allocable, and reasonable	Departing PI			
	Ensure all expenses are posted to the correct budget categories	Departing PI			

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	Encumbrance Check		
	Clear all outstanding encumbrances	Departing PI	OSP Post-Award
	Verify that no further commitments are pending	Departing PI	
	<u>Final Financial Report</u>		
	Prepare and submit the final financial report to the sponsor	Departing PI	
	 Ensure the report includes a detailed account of all expenses, matching the sponsor's format and requirements 	Departing PI	
	<u>Unspent Funds</u>		
	 Determine the disposition of any unspent funds (return to sponsor, reallocation, etc.) 	Departing PI	
	Process any required refunds to the sponsor	Departing PI	
	Cost Share Documentation		
	Ensure all cost share commitments are met and documented	Departing PI	
	Submit a cost share report if required by the sponsor	Departing PI	
ľ	2.Programmatic Closeout		
	Cost Share Documentation		OSP Post-Award
	Confirm Submission of the final technical or performance report	Departing PI	
	 Ensure final technical or performance report meets the sponsor's guidelines and deadlines 	Departing PI	
	<u>Deliverables</u>		
	Verify all project deliverables (e.g., data, software, publications) are submitted	Departing PI	
	Obtain confirmation from the sponsor of receipt and acceptance	Departing PI	

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	Patent/Invention Reporting		
	Submit final invention statement and any patent reports required	Departing PI	
	Ensure all intellectual property disclosures are properly documented and submitted	Departing PI	
	3. Compliance Closeout		
	<u>Audit Requirements</u>		OSP Post-Award
	Prepare for any potential audit by ensuring all documentation is complete and accurate	Departing PI	
	Maintain organized records of financial, technical, and compliance documentation.	Departing PI	
	<u>Subrecipient Monitoring</u>		
	Ensure all subrecipients have completed their closeout requirements	Departing PI	
	Confirm all subrecipient reports are received and reviewed	Departing PI	
	4. Administrative Closeout		
	<u>Effort Reporting</u>		OSP Post-Award
	Confirm all effort reports for the project period are completed and certified	Departing PI	
	Address any discrepancies in effort reporting	Departing PI	
	Property/Equipment Disposition		
	Conduct a final inventory of project-related property/equipment	Departing PI	
	Follow sponsor and institutional guidelines for disposition of property/equipment	Departing PI	

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	Record Retention		OSP Post-Award
	Ensure all project records are archived in accordance with sponsor and institutional policies	Departing PI	& Project Sponsor
	 Verify the retention period requirements for the specific sponsor 	Departing PI	
	5. Communication and Documentat	ion	
	Sponsor Communication		OSP Post-Award
	Confirm all final reports and documents are submitted and acknowledged by the sponsor	Departing PI	& Project Sponsor
	Obtain written confirmation of award closeout from the sponsor	Departing PI	
	Internal Communication		
	Notify internal stakeholders (e.g., department heads, financial office) of project closeout	Departing PI	
	Document the closeout process and any issues encountered	Departing PI	
	Closeout Meeting		
	Conduct a final meeting with the project team to review the closeout process	Departing PI	
	Document lessons learned and best practices for future reference	Departing PI	
	6. Post-Closeout Activities		
	<u>Follow-Up Tasks</u>		OSP Post-Award
	Schedule follow-up tasks for any remaining post-closeout requirements	Departing PI	

 Monitor for any additional communications from the sponsor regarding the closed project 	Departing PI	OSP <u>Post-Award</u>
<u>Performance Review</u>		
Review project performance and compliance for continuous improvement	Departing PI	
 Document any suggestions for improving future project management and closeout procedures 	Departing PI	

	URI FOUNDATION OR RESEARCH FOUNDATION					
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	Industry and Foundation Sponso	red Projects				
	 Contact Foundation or Research Foundation with a list of Sponsored Research Projects or Gifts (private foundation or industry sponsored) 	Departing PI	• <u>URI Foundation</u> Email: foundation@uri.edu			
	 Indicate whether the project or gift will be transferred to the new institution or transferred to a new PI at URI 	Departing PI	URI Research Foundation			
	Will there be an interim PI or will URI remain the site for the project? If so, provide PI contact information.	Departing PI	Phone: (401) 874-9206			
	Provide a URI Department contact.	Departing PI				
	Provide contact information for the new Institution.	Departing PI				
	 Notify the URI Foundation or Research Foundation with the proposed change of PI on the project. 	Departing PI				
	 Provide Foundation or Research Foundation with information on any expected Data Use Agreements needed related to departure (incoming and outgoing). 	Departing PI				

_	LABORATORIES/FACILITIES (URI Property, Equipment & Supplies) and ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (EHS)			
(√)	ltem	Responsibility	Point(s) of Contact	
	Review the <u>URI Policy for Lab Move-ins and Move-outs</u>	Departing PI	Office of	
	Notify EHS via email 30 days prior to shutdown date	Departing PI	Environmental	
	• Complete the <u>Lab Clearance Form (Lab Closeout Checklist)</u> and submit to EHS when completely moved out of lab space; chemical cleanout requires one month advance notice	Departing PI	Email: srm@etal.uri.edu Phone: 401.874.7993	
	• If necessary, complete the <u>Lab Equipment Disposal Form</u>	Departing PI		
	 Complete EHS <u>Waste Disposal Request</u> for any unwanted hazardous materials prior to closeout. Note: Any hazardous material left behind <i>may result in charges</i> to PI/Department for proper disposal 	Departing PI		
	• For research proposals that require medical surveillance closeout evaluation, contact the EHS at 401.874.7993 to schedule an appointment in accordance with the SOP.	Departing PI		
	New PIs who will move into the lab after the departing PI must complete a <u>URI Laboratory Move-In Form</u> .	Incoming PI		

	INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC)					
(√)	Item	Responsibility	Point(s) of Contact			
	 Contact the IACUC/IBC Specialist with the expected final date for animal work 	Departing PI	IACUC/IBC Specialist: Gwen Currier			
	Contact the CBRC Facility Manager to communicate animal facility departure	Departing PI	Email: gwencurrier@uri.			
	 File an IACUC amendment in IRBNet if transferring the protocol to another URI Principal Investigator 	Departing PI	edu Phone: 401-874-2526			
	 If no animals are present and work at URI has concluded, file an IACUC termination form to close out the protocol in IRBNet 	Departing PI	CBRC Facility Manager: Roland Lariviere Email: <u>rlariviere1@uri.edu</u>			

	INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE (IBC)					
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	Contact the IACUC/IBC Specialist with the expected final date that you will conclude your biological research	Departing PI	IACUC/IBC Specialist: Gwen Currier Email: gwencurrier@uri. edu Phone: 401-874- 2526 Biosafety Officer: Megan Dyer Email: mdyer@uri.edu			
	 File an amendment in IRBNet if transferring the protocol to another URI Principal Investigator 	Departing PI				
	 If work at URI has concluded, file an IBC termination form to close out the protocol in IRBNet 	Departing PI				
	 Contact URI's Biosafety Officer to ensure all lab spaces are cleaned out appropriately and any biological agents are properly disposed of 	Departing PI				

	DATA MANAGEMENT				
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	 If a Data Use Agreement (DUA) is anticipated, submit a request to AVPR to prepare the DUA which will be sent to OGC for review. Data not pertaining to human subjects or animal subjects also require a DUA. 	Departing PI	IRB Specialist Heather Paskalides Email: hpaskalides@uri.ed		
	 For faculty who plan to take research data from URI research studies, provide proof of the IRB's approval to take the research data, including the IRB study number, data elements to be disclosed, and recipient institution's name. 	Departing PI	<u>u</u> Phone: 401.874.4328		
	 For faculty who plan to take research data from closed research studies to an institution outside of URI the PI is responsible for ensuring the IRB-approved storage of data was approved for storage beyond closure date. 	Departing PI	AVPR Elizabeth Buchanan Email: elizabeth.buchanan		
	 For faculty who plan to take research data from research studies that will be transferred to the new institution, provide the IRB with approval for this transfer and proof that data will be stored and transferred appropriately. 	Departing PI	@uri.edu		
	 Ensure department chair approval has been obtained for the use of the data, if needed (such approval may be indicated on the DUA or through other URI processes) 	Departing PI			
	 If the faculty member has already left URI (including retirees), more approvals may be required. 	Departing PI			

CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI)					
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		COI Program with thof the institution yo	ne date you are leaving URI and u are going to.	Departing PI	Conflict of Interest Program (COI) Email: Researchintegrity @etal.uri.edu Phone: 401.874.4328
If you	ı have	That Will:	You will need to:	Additional Notes	
An IR	B study	Stay at URI or transfer to transfer to new institution	 Have your position and contact information changed on the IRB study so that you don't receive URI COI disclosures Change or remove COI disclosure text in the informed consent as needed 		
A Sponsored Stay at URI Project		Stay at URI	 Have your position and contact information changed so that COI disclosures are linked appropriately 	with the Depart	nay need to be initiated ment.
	nagement for your COI	Stop once you leave URI	,		ty@etal.uri.edu

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)				
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	 Provide IRB Office with IRB numbers of studies where the exiting faculty member is the Principal Investigator 	Departing PI	Office of Research Integrity	
	 Submit a modification requesting closure of the study if all study activities have been completed 	Departing PI	IRB/RCR Specialist: Heather Paskalides	

 For studies that will be transferred to the PI's new institution, a reliance agreement must be in place to cover IRB oversight of the study during the transition to the new institution. 	Departing PI	Email: hpaskalides@uri.edu
 A reliance agreement between URI and the new institution may remain in place in certain circumstances (i.e., the study is in data analysis and requires continued URI personnel 	Departing PI	
PLEASE NOTE: URI Adjunct Faculty who hold primary appointments at other institutions or organizations may not continue to serve as the PI at URI. Emeritus faculty (retirees) may continue to serve as PI on studies that are in data analysis only.		
 For studies that will continue at URI, submit a modification naming a new URI PI and remove the existing PI from the IRB personnel list 	Departing PI	
For faculty whose role is other than the PI, submit a modification to remove name from IRB personnel list	Departing PI	
 Faculty who plan to take research data or specimens obtained from closed research studies outside of URI, the faculty member's department is responsible for ensuring the IRB approved storage of data/specimens were approved for storage beyond study closure. 	Departing PI	

	EXPORT COMPLIANCE					
(√)	Item	Responsibility	Point(s) of Contact			
	 Notify URI's Export Control Office (ECO) of the PI's departure if the PI has participated in any type of export-controlled research or controlled project. Follow all procedures outlined in the PI's Technology Control Plan (TCP) and/or Technology Control Security Plan (TCSP). 	Departing PI	Export Control Office Carol A. Connolly, Director Research Security/Export			
	 If the departing PI is a foreign national returning to their home country and they have participated in any type of export-controlled research or project, they must work with URI's ECO to determine what (if any) data may be taken back to their home country. Controlled data may not be transferred out of the country without review and written approval from URI's ECO. 		Control Officer (ECO) Email: carolconnolly@uri.edu Phone: 401.874.5467			

The foreign national employee will also be required to sign an export attestation prior to transferring any controlled data outside of the United States.		Export Control Office Carol A. Connolly, Director Research Security/Export Control Officer (ECO) Email: carolconnolly@uri.edu Phone: 401.874.5467
• If the departing PI intends to transfer export-controlled items and/or data to another institution/entity, they must work with URI's ECO to ensure that all documentation and export control requirements are met. URI's ECO must work directly with the receiving institution/entity to ensure that requirements are met for the transfer.	Departing PI	
If the departing PI is retiring and wishes to personally retain export-controlled data, they must get written approval from URI's ECO.	Departing PI	

	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY				
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	If you have submitted an invention disclosure, provide an updated email and physical address	Departing PI	Brian A. Nath, JD Director, IP Email: briannath@uri.edu Phone: 401.874.9003 Fax: 401.874.7832		

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL (OGC)				
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	 If the departing PI is on legal hold notice, contact the Office of University Counsel and be prepared to identify the departing employee. 	Departing PI	Office of University Counsel (OUC)	

	PERSONNEL ACTIONS			
(√)	Item	Responsibility	Point(s) of Contact	
	Complete the <u>URI Human Resource Checklist</u>	Departing PI	URI Human Resources	