

# North Dakota State University

## Policy Manual

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### SECTION 347 INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

SOURCE: NDSU President

1. The National Institute of Health (NIH) Guidelines require that each institution conducting or sponsoring recombinant DNA research is responsible for ensuring that research is conducted in accordance with NIH Guidelines. In addition, institutions must establish an Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) composed of no fewer than five members collectively having experience and expertise in recombinant DNA research.

North Dakota State University endorses this regulation and has an established Institutional Biosafety Committee. The NDSU IBC's purpose is to assure the safe use of recombinant DNA, infectious agents, and human blood, bodily fluids, or tissues, in research and teaching, and to maintain compliance with NIH Guidelines and additional federal regulations.

2. All project directors of research and teachers of courses involving recombinant DNA, infectious agents, or human blood, bodily fluids or tissue at NDSU, or conducted by representatives of NDSU, are responsible for submitting the protocol forms required for review and approval by the NDSU Institutional Biosafety Committee.
3. As part of its commitment to ensuring that life science research is being conducted according to federal regulations, North Dakota State University has established an Institutional Review Entity (IRE) and an Institutional Contact for Dual Use Research (ICDUR).

The purpose of the IRE is to determine if life science research meets the federal definition of Dual Use Research of Concern and to, as needed, work with the PI and others to draft a Risk Mitigation Plan. The IRE shall be an *ad hoc* subcommittee of the IBC comprised of 5 members from the IBC with the ICDUR acting as a consultant. On a case by case basis, other individuals with specific expertise may be added to the IRE as members or called on to act as consultants.

The responsibilities of the ICDUR shall reside with the Vice President for Research and Creative Activity or designee and minimally shall include to serve as an institutional point of contact for questions regarding compliance with and implementation of the requirements for the oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern as well act as the liaison between the institution and relevant federal funding agencies.

4. Further information about the IBC can be obtained from the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance (Research 1, Rm 130, phone 701.231.8908, email: [ndsu.abc@ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsu.abc@ndsu.edu)).

The NDSU Institutional Biosafety Committee is administered by the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance (Division of the Vice President for Research and Creative Activity).

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