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Dear Colleagues,

This letter is to remind the campus community that UNCW is committed to complying with the “export control” regulations, a set of federal laws and regulations that control how US citizens share information and technology with foreign nationals.

While our more technical departments need to be most mindful of these regulations, the regulations can impact our campus in surprising ways. Please contact our Research Integrity Office (RIO) if you are:

- planning international travel for research or to attend a conference
- inviting foreign national colleagues to campus or sponsoring them in some way
- shipping/carrying technical equipment outside the U.S. (even laptops, GPS, etc.)
- sharing technology for the development or production of a new item, verbally or in writing, with a foreign national (even if the individual is currently in the U.S.), or a foreign organization
- shipping/selling substances (chemicals, microorganisms or toxins) to any destination
- seeking funding from the Department of Defense or Department of Energy

The export control regulations are implemented by the Department of Commerce through its Export Administration Regulations (EAR), the Department of State through its International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), and the Treasury Department through its Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Since penalties for non-compliance can be severe, UNCW believes educating the campus community is the best way to assure compliance with the regulations. RIO staff can help you obtain necessary licenses or create technology control plans so that all parties are protected.

As the chief research officer for UNCW, I am the individual responsible for implementing UNCW’s export control policy. For more information about export control regulations and how they impact campus, please email ExportControls@uncw.edu or visit the UNCW Export Control website.

Sincerely,

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