



OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH
Research Compliance Services

Research Compliance Committee (RCC)

Quarterly Meeting: September 26, 2025

Welcome to the Quarterly RCC Meeting

Objectives

Share Updates

Present progress across research compliance areas and the RCC.

Reinforce Collaboration

Strengthen teamwork and cross-functional partnerships.

Foster Discussion

Create space for input, questions, and collaborative problem-solving.

Today's Agenda

1 New RCC Structure

Committee format, membership, and operational framework

2 Compliance Updates

Key program changes and policy developments

3 Subcommittee Accomplishments

Project highlights and achievements from our working groups

4 Getting Involved

Opportunities for participation and engagement

5 Open Discussion

Open forum for questions, feedback, and collaborative input

6 Next Steps & Closing

Action items, future meeting dates, and closing remarks

What's the Research Compliance Committee?

The Research Compliance Committee (RCC) is UNC Chapel Hill's central hub for research integrity and regulatory compliance.



Campus-wide Coordination

Connecting and supporting collaboration across research units



Strategic Alignment

Promoting consistent and effective compliance practices



Central Hub

Providing oversight and guidance for compliance activities

What's New about the RCC

The RCC has transformed its structure to boost collaboration, accountability, and communication in university research.



Broader Engagement

Engaging the entire research community for shared compliance responsibility.



Streamlined Structure

New committee format with clear roles to drive efficiency.



Enhanced Meeting Cadence

Quarterly RCC meetings, monthly Steering Group meetings, and flexible subcommittees.



Annual Compliance Summit

New university-wide event to showcase RCC initiatives and foster compliance dialogue.



Digital Knowledge Repository

RCC website with initiatives and compliance information and internal SharePoint site for member collaboration.

Visit the RCC Website: <https://research.unc.edu/compliance/research-compliance-committee/>

Committee Structure

Research Community

Campus-wide community of investigators, staff, and administrators who share responsibility for research compliance.

Link Subcommittees

Focused project teams working on specific areas: policy, learning, process improvement, and risk management.



Steering Group

Strategic leadership and oversight, guiding the overall direction and priorities of the RCC.

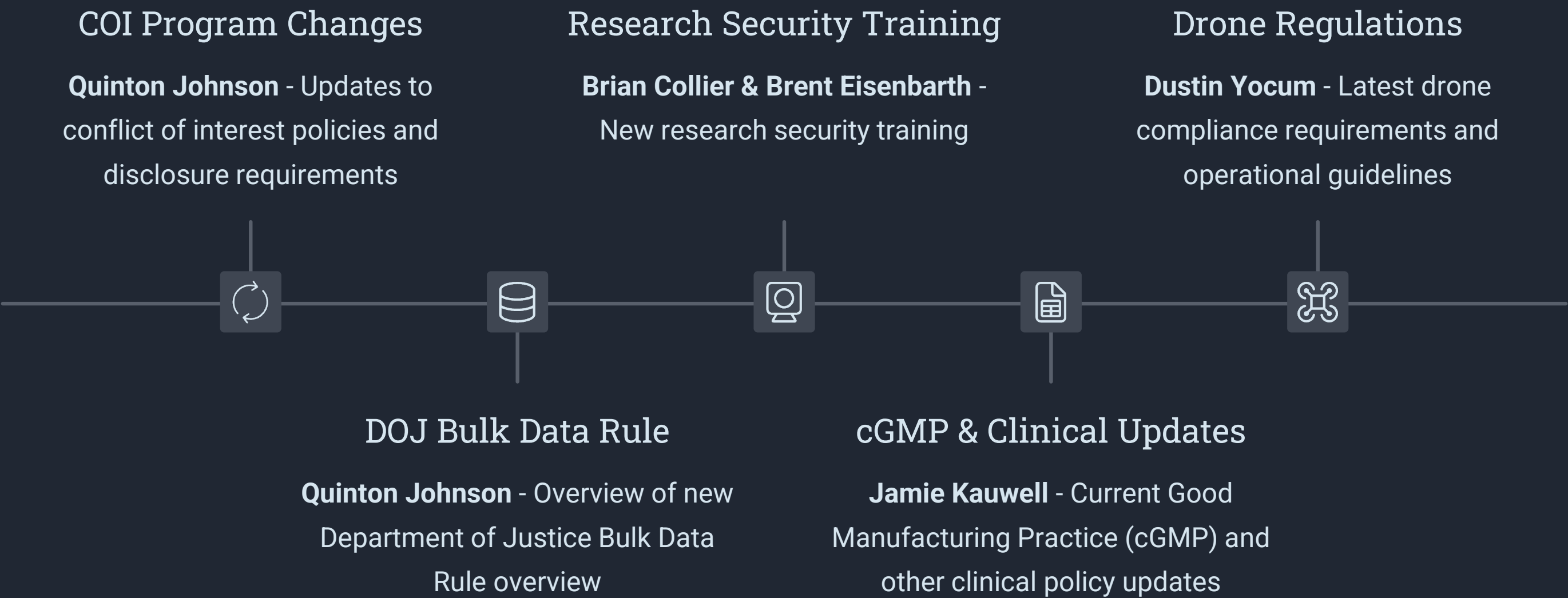
Membership Body

Research compliance leaders and professionals from across campus.

This interconnected structure brings together the entire research community, enhances coordination between compliance areas, establishes clear accountability, and strengthens communication across campus research units.

Compliance Updates

Our compliance colleagues will share the latest developments across key compliance areas:





Impressive Progress in Just Seven Weeks!

A tremendous thank you to our Link subcommittees for a strong start and dedication to enhancing research compliance.



2025 RCS Insights Survey

Developed questions to capture faculty, staff, and administrator perspectives on compliance challenges



Innovative Project Proposals

Identified targeted initiatives in each focus area, addressing current challenges



Implementation Kickoff

Initiated project planning and early implementation steps

RCC Link Subcommittees



Policy Link

Supports a coordinated, efficient, and transparent policy environment for research compliance at UNC.



Learning Link

Leads efforts to strengthen research compliance knowledge through training, education, and outreach.



Process Improvement Link

Focuses on improving processes to promote research compliance.



Risk Management Link

Helps shape and support a proactive, centralized approach to managing research compliance risks.

Learning Link

Research Communication Directory

A comprehensive centralized resource mapping all institutional research-related communication channels across UNC

How it Helps:

- Identifies specific audiences, management structures, and purposes for each communication channel
- Facilitates better collaboration and information sharing between research units and administrative teams
- Reduces duplication while strengthening unified messaging across the research enterprise

Team

- **Brent Eisenbarth** (Chair)
- **Paula Steele** (Co-Chair)
- Eric Schumacher
- S.T. Philips
- Janette Goins
- Samantha Thompson

Risk Management Link

International Research Risk Management

A two-part initiative that strengthens UNC-Chapel Hill's ability to manage international research risks by identifying and mapping institutional responsibilities and ultimately providing researchers with a quick-reference tool.

How it Helps

Part A: UNC-Chapel Hill's Definitive Resource Catalogue

- Identifies all offices, information sources, and authorities connected to international research compliance and risk.
- Creates a centralized reference to clarify points of contact, roles, responsibilities.
- Improves coordination and consistency across the institution.

Part B: Researcher Decision Tool

- Provides an early use, clear decision tree for common international research risk scenarios.
- Translates complex compliance requirements into practical next steps.
- Directs researchers to the right resources (IRB, Export Control, Finance, Travel, Data Security, etc.).
- Promotes early identification and intervention before risks delay or jeopardize research.

Team

Nathan Simms (Chair), Matthew Teal (Co-Chair), Dustin Yocum, Jamie Kauwell, David Lambeth, Heather Skinner

Process Improvement Link

Research Compliance Process Improvement Roadmap

A systematic framework designed to capture compliance challenges, define actionable solutions, and measure meaningful outcomes that results in a practical plan to reduce administrative burden while maintaining rigorous standards.

How it Helps

- Leverages survey feedback to identify and prioritize the most critical problem areas
- Develops practical solutions with clear implementation pathways
- Creates sustainable improvements that benefit the entire research community

Teams

- **Susie Moist (Chair)**
- **Katie Marsh (Co-Chair)**
- Celeste Cantrell
- Thu-Mai Lewis
- Lance Underwood

Policy Link



Research Policy Awareness Campaign

- Showcase the University Policy Repository
- Map and spotlight policies across UNC's research policy portfolio.
- Expanding RCS Policy Page with briefs and practical tools.

First milestone: Live demonstration at OSP Symposium

How it Helps:

- Increases visibility and understanding of UNC's comprehensive research policy portfolio
- Provides practical, user-friendly resources for navigating complex policy requirements
- Captures valuable faculty and staff feedback to guide strategic policy improvements



Researcher Listening Sessions

- Develop a reusable framework for short, structured listening sessions
- Pilot sessions focused on policy clarity, accessibility, usability, and gaps
- Analyze feedback with survey data to identify priorities and improvements

Team

- **Jeanne Lovmo** (Chair)
- **Amanda Chang** (Co-Chair)
- Kathleen Thomas
- Kim Brownley
- Cathy Brennan
- Shoshana Ellis

How to Get Involved

Multiple pathways exist for faculty, staff, and administrators to contribute to research compliance excellence at UNC.



Join Quarterly RCC Meetings

Open to all UNC faculty, staff, and administrators involved in research. Participate in discussions and stay informed about compliance developments.



Serve as RCC Member

Represent your school or unit as part of the RCC Membership Body, sharing updates and providing liaison between committees and departments.



Participate in a Subcommittee

Join a Link subcommittee to collaborate on focused projects that address real compliance challenges and drive meaningful improvements.



Provide Ongoing Feedback

Share questions, suggestions, or compliance concerns anytime. Your input helps shape our priorities and initiatives.

✔ **Contact us:** Jeanne Lovmo at lovmo@unc.edu | Research Compliance Services at RCS@unc.edu



Open Discussion

Questions & Input

Share your questions, experiences, and insights with fellow RCC members and leadership

Open Floor

Discuss concerns, innovative ideas, or opportunities for enhanced collaboration across units

Your voice matters in shaping the future of research compliance at UNC

Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Thank You

Gratitude to all participants, presenters, and subcommittee members for their dedication and collaborative spirit in advancing research compliance excellence

Continued Momentum

Subcommittees will continue their important work, with regular progress updates and opportunities for broader community involvement

Save the Date

Next RCC Quarterly Meeting: [January 30, 2026](#)

Mark your calendars for continued collaboration and progress updates

Together, we're building a stronger, more effective research compliance framework that serves our entire university community.

