

Framework for Institutional Review of Potential DURC

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Creation of Current UW IRE

Collaboration

- Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education
- IBC Chair
- Select Agent Program

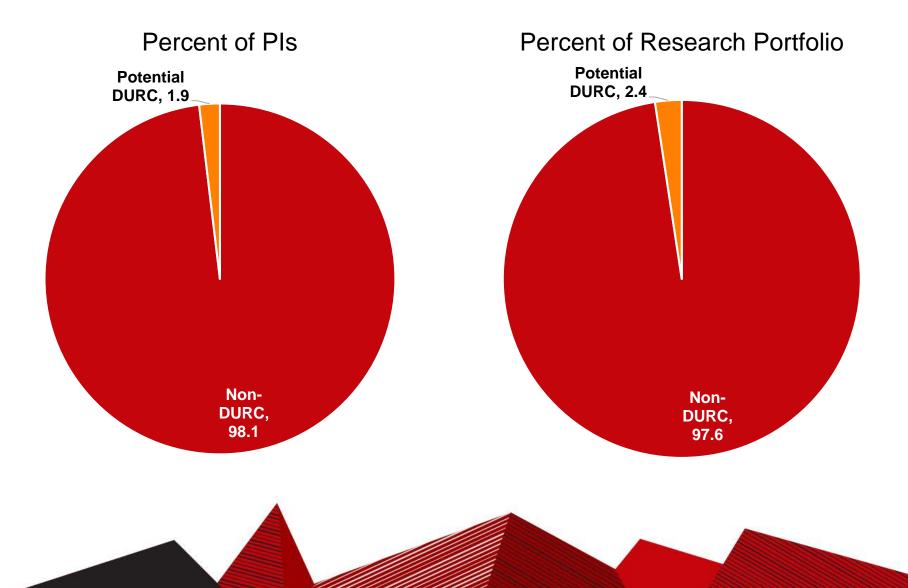
Key Questions

- Who is the best fit for ICDUR?
- What is the appropriate composition for the IRE?
- Are checks and balances warranted?
- Which policies need to be developed?
- Who will be affected by the policy?
- Should UW-Madison limit the review to the 15 agents?
- What type of training should be developed? Frequency?

UW-Madison IRE

- Permanent Subcommittee of IBC
 - Chair- ICDUR (Biosafety, biosecurity, and regulatory)
 - Bacteriology
 - Virology
 - Immunology
 - Infectious Disease
 - Public Health
 - Consultants as needed
- Additional Review of DURC Reports
 - IBC
 - Biosecurity Task Force

Percentage of Life Sciences Research



How Much Effort for 2.4%?

Material	Not DURC	DUR	DURC	Total
Grants	1	3	8	12
Manuscripts	7	3	12	22
Experiments/Assessment	9	1	2	12
Risk mitigation plans	N/A	N/A	N/A	6

Ensuring Compliance

- Good rapport with PIs
- Biosafety protocols
- Animal protocols
- Grant administrators
- Challenges
 - Exempt quantities of botulinum toxin
 - Trusting PIs to report any research changes

Effects of DURC Policies

- Administrative
 - Another unfunded research mandate
 - Time and effort of ICDUR and IRE
 - Create and maintain training
- Research Progress
 - Less research with exempt quantities of botulinum neurotoxin
 - Other research not being performed
 - Delays

Lessons Learned

- IRE
 - Composition
 - Meeting style
 - Evolution of thought process
 - Willingness to ask for information to be included or moved
- Flexibility is key
 - Unplanned reviews
 - Progress report reviews
 - Contract expectations for subcontractors
- DUR designation is very useful
- Not all PIs want to deal with research being scrutinized