



Controlled Unclassified Information

What is Controlled Unclassified Information?

Controlled unclassified information is information the Government creates or possesses, or that an entity creates or possesses for or on behalf of the Government, that a law, regulation, or Government-wide policy requires or permits an agency to handle using safeguarding or dissemination controls.



Generally, think of the following information that:

- The Executive Branch of the Federal government creates or possesses and marks as controlled unclassified information, or a contractor creates for the Federal Government Agency under an award.
- Should be labeled with a full distribution statement or controlled unclassified information (CUI).
- Law or regulation (e.g., ITAR, EAR, etc.) permits a Government agency, such as the DoD, to keep from being made publicly available.

University Activity Examples & Responsibilities

University activities (e.g. sponsored research projects, non-disclosure agreements, federal contracts, MOUs) may include receiving, generating, or using controlled unclassified information.

UTEP faculty and staff are responsible for:

- Obtaining sponsoring federal agency's guidance concerning access to controlled unclassified information.
- Determining who will have access to controlled unclassified information.
- Contacting the Research Security Officer, Information Security Officer, and the Office of Information Technology if a protection/security plan (e.g. technology control plan, system security plan) is required to control access to and dissemination of controlled unclassified information.

Who Has Access to CUI?

Access or dissemination of controlled unclassified information is allowed provided such access or dissemination:

- Abides by the laws, regulations, or Government-wide policies that established CUI as well as all University CUI policies and guidelines;
- Is not restricted by a limited dissemination control, such as restrictions to non-U.S. persons (e.g. NOFORN);
- Furthers a lawful Government purpose, such as conducting research involving CUI;
- Is not otherwise prohibited by law.

Get in Touch!

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