

Restarting Research at Sacramento State

Principles and Expectations

Based on the guidance established by the CSU Chancellor's Office, California State University, Sacramento has established guidelines for restarting research, scholarship and creative activities at its campus. Research, scholarship, creative activities, and community service comprise core aspects of the CSU higher education mission and complement the instructional programs offered to undergraduate and graduate students. As with instruction, as well as academic support and student services, these areas have also been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In conjunction and alignment with State, County and Chancellor's Office guidelines, Sacramento State is following a phased approach for reincorporating research and other scholarly and creative activities into the campus setting as campuses undergo limited repopulation; this approach is most consistent with the nature of this work.

Information and details to each phase can be accessed on the [Restarting Research website](#). Further, given the broad range of efforts in which faculty are engaged, across numerous disciplines, a [Ramp-Up Checklist](#) has been provided for guiding the faculty and staff for restarting the research. In all instances, the public health and welfare of participants – students, faculty and staff – must be promoted, including, but not limited to, maintaining rigorous standards for physical distancing and the provision of adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Goal: To reduce the risk to all members of the campus community (faculty, students and staff) to COVID-19, while increasing research and scholarship activities in a phased approach as safety becomes easier to maintain.

The restarting framework is informed by the following guiding principles:

- Principle #1:** Follow the cognizant local, state, and national public health authorities' directives to "shelter-at-home" and implement social distancing.
- Principle #2:** Protect the health and safety of the research workforce and support staff, emotional as well as physical wellbeing of Sacramento State research workforce. Protect the health and safety of our human research subjects.
- Principle #3:** Protect the careers of early stage Sacramento State researchers.
- Principle #4:** Students are students first, researchers second.
- Principle #5:** Implement a fair and transparent process for granting access to restarting research on-campus.
- Principle #6:** Ensure as rapid a research restart as the public health conditions permit.
- Principle #7:** Prepare to ramp-down research when notified using the [Ramp-Down Checklist](#).