

Office of Finance and Administration Grant Management and Administration Handbook

Levels of Regulation

To effectively interpret and apply the various regulations related to a federal grant funded project, it is helpful to consider the regulations as levels of a pyramid, as illustrated below. The order of precedence starts with University Policy, and then each level of regulation is applied to determine the applicable rule. *In most cases, the more conservative or restrictive rule of all the levels apply.* If assistance is needed in determining the appropriate set of regulations for a specific policy or compliance issue, Project Directors are encouraged to contact their Program Officer at the sponsoring agency for guidance.

Federal Law

Office of Management & Budget Regulations, Standards & Principles

Grant Agreement
Terms and
Conditions

University Policy

When the rules DO NOT conflict, the most conservative or restrictive rule applies.