International Travel

Export control regulations affect not only research conducted on campus, but also travel outside the U.S. Simply traveling to certain sanctioned countries could require a license from the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). OFAC sanctions prohibit transactions and exchanges of goods and services in certain countries and with designated persons and entities. Multiple lists of denied individuals and parties are maintained and enforced by federal agencies including the Departments of State, Commerce, and Treasury. Taking items outside the U.S. on a flight, even if traveling in the conduct of research, could require a license from these agencies.

Export control considerations when travelling internationally

Where Are You Traveling?
- If traveling to Iran, Cuba, Syria, North Korea or the Crimea, please contact the Office of Research immediately.
- Be aware that there are restrictions on traveling to other countries as well.
- Even layovers in a foreign airport require export control consideration.
  - Check the State Department’s website for travel warnings at: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/

Who Are You Meeting?
- The United States government does not allow services to be provided to certain persons and organizations.
  - This can include providing materials, information, technical expertise, and services.
- Contact the Office of Research to ensure that no one you are dealing with is on a restricted party list.

What Are You Taking with You?
- Any electronic device, including laptops, phones, tablets, electronic test equipment, scientific study equipment, cameras etc. may have restrictions and/or may require a license PRIOR to travel.

Why Are You Going?
- If you are going to do scientific research in another country, please contact the Office of Research prior to leaving.
- If presenting a talk please consider the content, who you are presenting to and if it would create an export control requirement.