

**Research Administration
Index of Commonly Used Acronyms**

For federal awards/subawards issued to Virginia Tech with a start date prior to December 26, 2014, 2 CFR Part 215 (OMB Circular A-110) and 2 CFR, Part 220 (OMB Circular A-21) apply. For all new funds (new awards and new monies, such as continuation awards, supplements, etc. received for existing awards) with a start date on or after December 26, 2014, these new funds are subject to **2 CFR Part 200** commonly referred to as **Uniform Guidance—Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards**.

Acronym	Definition
2 CFR Part 200	Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards or Uniform Guidance
A-110	OMB Circular A-110 - Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals or Other Nonprofit Organizations
A-133	OMB Circular A-133 - Audits of States, Local Governments & Non-Profit Organizations
A-21	OMB Circular A-21 - Cost Principles for Educational Institutions
AAALAC	American Association of Animal Laboratory Accreditation Council
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges
AAU	Association of American Universities
ABRF	Association of Bimolecular Resource Facilities
ACM	Association of American Medical Colleges
ACO	Administrative Contracting Officer
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
AFAA	Air Force Audit Agency
AFARS	Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement
AFOSR	Air Force Office of Scientific Research
AFRL	Air Force Research Laboratory
ANPRM	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
ARDA	Advanced Research & Development Activity
ARL	Army Research Lab
ARO	Army Research Office
ARPA	Advanced Research Projects Agency
ASAP	Automated Standard Application for Payments
ATP	Advance Technology Program
B2B	Business to Business
BAA	Broad Agency Announcement
BANNER	Virginia Tech's business enterprise management software suite
BBB	Better Business Bureaus
BPA	Blanket Purchase Agreement
BPN	Business Partner Network
BSC	Business Service Center
C	Classified Paragraph (in government classified documents)
CAS	Cost Accounting Standards
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CASB	Cost Accounting Standards Board
CBD	Commerce Business Daily
CBO	Congressional Budget Office
CCH	Commerce Clearing House
CCI	Controlled Cryptographic Item (CCI)
CCR	Central Contractor Registration
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

Acronym	Definition
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CFS	Committee on Fundamental Science
CICA	Competition in Contracting Act
C-IED	Counter Improvised Explosive Device
CLIN	Contract Line Item Number
CMIA	Cash Management Improvement Act
CNO	Chief of Naval Operations
CO	Contracting Officer
COG	Councils of Governments
COGR	Council on Governmental Relations
COI	Conflict of Interest
COR	Contracting Officer's Representative
COS	Committee on Science of the National Science and Technology Council
COSEUP	Committee on Science, Engineering and Public Policy
COSO	Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission
COTR	Contract Officer Technical Representative
CPI	Critical Program Information
CPSR	Contractor Procurement/Property System Review
CRADA	Cooperative Research and Development Agreement
CRS	Congressional Research Service
CSR	Center for Scientific Review
CTSA	Clinical & Translational Science Award
CUI	Controlled Unclassified Information
DA	Department of the Army
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DAU	Defense Acquisition University
DAWIA	Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act
DC	Direct Costs
DCAA	Defense Contract Audit Agency
DCASR's	Defense Contract Administration Services Regions
DCE	Direct Cost Equivalent
DEAR	Department of Energy Acquisition Regulations
DEC	Determination of Exceptional Circumstances
DED	Department of Education
DFARS	Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
DFARS	Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement
DHEW	Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DIA	Defense Intelligence Agency
DIALOG	A computer based search system using key words
DIPEC	Defense Industrial Plant Equipment Council
DIS	Defense Investigative Service
DNA	Defense Nuclear Agency
DOC	Department of Commerce
DOD	Department of Defense
DODGARS	Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations
DOE	Department of Energy
DOL	Department of Labor
DOT	Department of Transportation
DSMB	Data Safety Monitoring Board
EAR	Export Administration Regulations

Acronym	Definition
EARS	Electronic Approval and Routing Systems
ebXML	Electronic Business Extensible Markup Language
EC	Electronic Commerce
eCFR	Electronic Code of Federal Regulations
EDA	Economic Development Administration
EDGAR	Education Department General Administration Regulations
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EO	Presidential Executive Order
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERA	Economic Regulatory Administration
ERA	Electronic Research Administration
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1301-1461)
ETA	Employment and Training Administration
EUI	Energy Usage Index
EVS	Equipment Visibility System
F&A	Facilities and Administrative (Rate or Cost)
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAC	Federal Audit Clearinghouse
FAI	Federal Acquisition Institute
FAIN	Federal Award Identification Number
FAN	Federal Acquisition Regulation Alert Notice
FAPIIS	Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation
FARS	Financial Accounting and Reporting System
FAS	Federal Acquisition Service
FASA	Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act
FASAB	Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FASEB	Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
FBO	Federal Business Opportunities
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FCST	Federal Council for Science and Technology
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FDP I	Federal Demonstration Project
FDP II	Federal Demonstration Project
FDP III & IV	Federal Demonstration Partnership
FEA	Federal Enterprise Architectures
FECAI	Federal Electronic Commerce Acquisition Instructions
FEDIX	An on-line federal data base serving most federal agencies for on-line searches
FedRAMP	Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FFATA	Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 or Transparency Act
FFMIA	Federal Financial Management Improvement Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FICC	Federal Interagency Coordinating Council
FIMA	Financial Management System
FIPSE	Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education
FISAP	Fiscal Operations Report & Application to Participate
FMC	Federal Management Circular

Acronym	Definition
FN	Foreign National
FOB	Free-on-board
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FOUO	For Official Use Only
FR	Federal Register
FS&T	Federal Science and Technology Budget
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
FTE	Full-time equivalent
FTS	Federal Telecommunications System
FWA	Federal Wide Assurance
FY	Fiscal Year
GA	General Administration (Costs)
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GAGAS	Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GMO	Grants Management Office
GMRA	Government Management Reform Act
GOCO	Government owned, contractor operated
GPG	Grant Proposal Guide (NSF)
GPO	Government Printing Office
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act
GSA	General Services Administration
GUIRR	Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable
HBCU	Historically Black College and University
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HDIAC	Homeland Defense and Security Information Analysis Center
HEGIS	Higher Education General Information Survey
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HSARPA	Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
IAEGC	Inter-Agency Electronic Grants Committee
IASB	International Accounting Standards Board
IBC	Institutional Bio-safety Committee
IBS	Institutional Base Salary
ICC	Interstate Commerce Commission
IDC	Indirect Costs
IDIQ	Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
IG	Inspector General
IHE	Institutions of Higher Education
IPA	Intergovernmental Personnel Act
IPASS	Interagency Panel on Advanced Science & Security
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
IR&D	Independent Research and Development
IRAB	FDP Initiative to Reduce Administrative Burden
IRB	Institutional Review Board
IRC	Internal Revenue Code

Acronym	Definition
IRIS	An on-line search system for research opportunities developed by the University of Illinois
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
ISDEAA	Indian Self-Determination and Education and Assistance Act
ITAR	International Traffic in Arms Regulations
ITMRA	Information Technology Management Reform Act
ITQ	Invitation to Qualify
JAG	Judge Advocate General
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
LES	Law Enforcement Sensitive
LOB	Line of Business
LSA	Labor Surplus Area
M&O	Maintenance and Operations or Management and Operations Contractors
MAS	Multiple Award Schedules
MBDA	Minority Business Development Agency
MBE	Minority Business Enterprise
MECA	Midwest Conference on College Cost Accounting
MOBIS	Mission Oriented Business Integrated Services
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MTA	Material Transfer Agreement
MTC	Modified Total Cost
MTDC	Modified Total Direct Costs
NACCA	National Conference on College Cost Accounting
NACUBO	National Association of College and University Business Officers
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NASULGC	National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges
NCC	National Coordinating Committee
NCI	National Cancer Institute
NCRR	National Center for Research Resources
NCST	National Council of Science and Technology
NCURA	National Council of University Research Administrators
NECA	Northeast Conference on College Cost Accounting
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities
NGA	Notice of Grant Award
NIAID	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases
NIE	National Institute of Education
NIEHS	National Institute of Environmental Health Services
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIJ	National Institute of Justice
NIOSH	Centers for Disease Control National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NLRB	National Labor Relations Board
NNSA	National Nuclear Security Administration
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOFORN	No Foreign Nationals
NPR	National Performance Review
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NPS	National Park Service
NRC	National Research Council
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRL	Naval Research Laboratory

Acronym	Definition
NSA	National Security Agency
NSB	National Science Board
NSC	National Security Council
NSDD	National Security Decision Directive 189 (issued 1985)
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSF/STIS	An on-line search system of the National Science Foundation
NSP	Not Separately Priced
NSTC	National Science Technology Council
NTIS	National Technical Information Service
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
O&M	Operations and Maintenance Costs
OASIS	Multiple award, Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts that provide flexible and innovative solutions for complex professional services
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
ODNI	Office of the Director of National Intelligence
OES	Office of Employment Security
OET	Office of Employment Training
OFAC	Office of Foreign Assets Control
OFCC	Office of Federal Contract Compliance
OFFM	Office of Federal Financial Management
OFM	Office of Financial Management
OFR	Office of the Federal Register
OHRP	Office of Human Research Protection
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OIRA	Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs (OMB)
OLAW	Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ONR	Office of Naval Research
OPEB	Other Postemployment Benefits
OPERA	Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OPRR	Office for Protection from Research Risks
ORA	Office of Research Administration
ORAU	Oak Ridge Associated Universities
ORI	Office of Research Integrity
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSP	Office of Sponsored Programs
OSTP	Office of Science and Technology Policy
OT	Office of Transportation
OTT	Office of Technology Transfer (NIH)
PCAOB	Public Company Accounting Oversight Board
PCAST	President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology
PCC	Policy Coordination Council
PCO	Procuring Contracting Officer
PDF	Portable Document Format
PETA	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
PHI	Protected Health Information
PHS	Public Health Service
PIGABS	Principal Investigator Grant Administration Burden Survey (done by FDP)
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
PM/CPI	Performance Management/Continuous Process Improvement

Acronym	Definition
PMS	Payment Management System
PRD	Presidential Review Directive
PRHP	Post-retirement Health Plans
PROG	Peer Review Oversight Group
PSS	Professional Services Schedule
PTE	Pass-through Entity
PTO	Patent and Trademark Office
R&D	Research and Development
R&R	Research and Related
RAC	Recombinant DNA Committee
RBM	Research Business Models
RCR	Responsible Conduct in Research
RDMS	Relational Database Management System
RDNA	Recombinant DNA Research
REUI	Relative Energy Usage Index
RFA	Request for Applications
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Quotation
ROI	Return on Investment
S	Secret Paragraph (in government classified documents)
S&W	Salaries and Wages
S&W + B	Salaries and Wages plus Benefits
S2S	System to System
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration
SAM	System for Award Management (accessible at https://www.sam.gov)
SB	Small Business
SBA	Small Business Administration
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research
SBU	Sensitive but Unclassified
SCI	Sensitive Compartmented Information
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
SECA	Southeast Conference on College Cost Accounting
SEOG	Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants
SEVIS	Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (INS for tracking foreign students)
SF	Standard Form
SFA	Student Financial Aid
SNAP	Streamline Non-Competing Application Process
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SOW	Statement of Work
SOX	Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act, or Corporate and Auditing Accountability and Responsibility Act
SPA	Sponsored Programs Associate
SPAWAR	U.S. Navy Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command
SPIN	An on-line search system for research opportunities developed by the University of New York (SUNY) System
SPOC	Single Point of Contact
SRA	Society of Research Administrators
SRO	Sponsored Research Office
STEP	Science, Technology and Economic Policy Board
STP	Science and Technology Policy
SUMMIT	Virginia Tech's electronic proposal system
T&A	Time and attendance

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Acronym	Definition
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TBSR	Total Business Systems Review
TDC	Total Direct Costs
TEPS	Enterprise Wide Technical, Engineering, and Programmatic Support Services
TFM	Treasury Financial Manual
Title IX	Federal law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program, award or activity
TS	Top Secret Paragraph (in government classified documents)
TSA	Transportation Security Administration
TTS	Technology Transformation Service
U	Unclassified Paragraph (in government classified documents)
U.S.C.	United States Code
UBIT	Unrelated Business Income Tax
UCA	Utility Cost Adjustment
UG	Uniform Guidance—Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards) also referred to as 2 CFR Part 200
USA	United States Army
USAF	United States Air Force
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USC	United States Code
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDE	United States Department of Energy
USIA	United States Information Agency
USMC	United States Marine Corps
USN	United States Navy
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
VAT	Value Added Tax
WAWF	Department of Defense Wide Area Workflow
WECA	Western Conference on College Cost Accounting
WHO	World Health Organization
XML	Extensible Markup Language
YCC	Youth Conservation Corps