

NSF RCR Instruction Policies – Preliminary Analysis

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In selecting the policies for analysis, I started by looking for the plans of the CIC universities:

1. Indiana U
2. Michigan State U
3. Northwestern U
4. Ohio State U
5. Pennsylvania State U
6. Purdue U
7. U of Chicago
8. U of Illinois-Chicago
9. U of Illinois-UC
10. U of Iowa
11. U of Michigan
12. U of Minnesota
13. U of Nebraska
14. U of Wisconsin-Madison

The only one I could not find on the Web was U of Illinois-UC. I made a note that Indiana U's policy was "unusually hard to find" and Northwestern U's was "hard to find."

Then I set out to find plans from a geographical spread of RU/VH (research university, very high) universities, as listed by the [Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching](#). The non-CIC universities are:

1. Columbia U
2. Cornell U
3. Harvard U
4. MIT
5. Stanford U
6. U of Arkansas
7. UCLA
8. U of Colorado
9. U of Florida
10. U of North Carolina
11. U of Pennsylvania
12. U of Texas
13. U of Washington

From this group I chose four diverse universities – Columbia U., Cornell U., Indiana U., and Harvard U. – for preliminary analysis.

I read each of the policies and coded elements of the policy into topics and subtopics using an Excel spreadsheet (see list below).

I asked several colleagues at Ethics CORE to give me feedback on this preliminary analysis, but they were unable to respond due to circumstances beyond their control. The final analysis languished for some time.

Supporting materials and the final report can be found at <https://nationalethicscenter.org/resources/948>; see especially

- Preliminary analysis.xls (Excel spreadsheet)
- Links to policies.pdf
- University list and map.pdf