# Guide

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## Material Transfer Agreement (MTA)

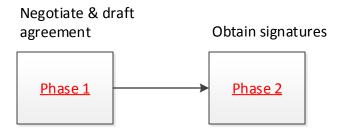
#### **Important Notes**

A Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) is a written contract between two or more organizations that covers the transfer of tangible research materials. It defines the terms and conditions under which one entity – the provider – is making the material available to the other – the recipient – for the recipient's research purposes. The purpose of the MTA is to identify and protect any intellectual and other property rights of the provider, while permitting use of the material for a limited and specified research purpose by the recipient. These agreements generally identify the specifics of the material to be transferred, describe the terms and purpose of the exchange, publication rights, liability issues, confidentiality and any intellectual property rights to the material itself as well as any derivatives.

Inbound MTAs are reviewed and processed for AAMU institutional signature by the Office of Research Compliance(ORC). Investigators and research staff should not sign and return MTAs to material providers themselves.

For questions, email: <a href="mailto:research.compliance@aamu.edu">research.compliance@aamu.edu</a>

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#### Glossary

**ORC** – Office of Research Compliance

**MTA** – Material Transfer Agreement

**PI** – Principal Investigator

**OGC** – Office of General Counsel

### Phase 1 AAMU Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) process Revised 3.12.24 Need to transfer material to AAMU Contact ORC to ᆸ Start Negotiate MTA from another initiate process institution AAMU Office of Research Compliance Work with PI & Receive notification other institution to Wait for draft that MTA is needed negotiate MTA Receive draft <u>To</u> MTA ready for Changes Phase 2 Draft reviewed needed? signatures by **OGC** Request change(s) Email draft MTA Other Institution to ORC

Negotiate MTA

Receive request for

change(s)

Prepare draft MTA

#### Phase 2 AAMU Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) process Revised 3.12.24 Receive final MTA End Ы Receive MTA Sign MTA Send MTA to ORC **AAMU Office of Research Compliance** In general, the institution preparing the MTA will establish Send MTA to PI for Wait Receive signed MTA the order of signatures, but the PI signature always signs before AAMU **From** Obtain institutional Distribute fully Phase 1 Request signatures Wait Receive signed MTA signature executed MTA Receive request for Sign MTA Send to ORC Receive final MTA End signature Other Institution