



Guidelines for Flying Drones/ Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center must comply with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements and applicable state and local laws and regulations for drones/unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). All drones/UAS operations for commercial or business purposes are subject to FAA regulation. In order for public universities to operate UAS for research purposes, they must apply for and be granted a certificate of authorization (COA) or have a remote pilot certificate from the FAA. Student/Hobbyists have been granted an exception if they meet the requirements set forth by the FAA.

The following requirements **MUST** be met before obligating the institution:

- One of the following from the FAA:
 - Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA)
 - Remote Pilot Certificate (or Pilot Certificate with current flight review)
 - Meet the Hobbyist/Student Exception
- Compliant with the FAA regulations:
https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/
- Certificate of insurance approved by the Texas Tech Office of Risk Management.
- [UAS request form](#) approved by local Texas Tech Police Department representative.
- Compliant with privacy provisions under state law including but not limited to [Chapter 423 of the Texas Government Code](#)

Additional information can be found on the FAA website:

http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/