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Is marijuana* being used in the research?

YES

Marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance and subject to Federal Regulations see DEA Cannabis Policy
For assistance with a Schedule I registration visit: https://www.ehs.ucla.edu/documents/controlled-substances-program or
Email: controlledsubstances@ehs.ucla.edu
https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/3520503/BFB-BUS-50

NO

Continue with the appropriate process for this activity type

Does the research support an activity that is associated with the federally illegal marijuana industry?

YES

UCLA cannot endorse or support this activity see
- UC Memo 19-02
- UCLA FAQs Concerning Marijuana and Other Cannabis-Related Activities

NO

Not Sure?

Example: Research to increase the potency of marijuana crops whose cultivation and distribution remains illegal under federal law.

* Marijuana is defined by the Title 21 United States Code (USC) Controlled Substances Act (CSA)
"...all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa L., whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of such plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds or resin.
The CSA excludes hemp as defined in section 1639o of title 7.
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Is the activity associated with an entity that is connected to the marijuana industry?

Continue with the appropriate process for this activity type

UCLA may endorse and support research activities like:
- Marijuana policy discussion and/or policy change advocacy
- Advance marijuana research that is conducted in accordance with federal and state regulation.
- Knowledge on business models and personal experiences

Examples of an educational activity are classes or conferences

**Speakers:** invited speakers cannot engage in activities that are designed to further/facilitate activities that are illegal under federal law including:
- recruiting employees
- marketing illegal marijuana businesses
- promoting business activities that are considered federally illegal

**Products/Swag:** activities or events cannot distribute any illegal products or other items prohibited by university policy (UCLA Policy 810).

**Support:** event support or sponsorship cannot be derived directly from illegal marijuana related entities or activities (UC Memo 19-02).
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**Club Meeting Limitations?**

- **NO**
  - No limitations on discussions/newsletters about the cannabis industry on topics such as business and finance trends, developments in industry, and public policy issues.

- **YES**
  - Limitations-
    - No use of UC resources for participation in activities that are illegal under state and/or federal law or prohibited by university policy.
    - No distribution of any illegal products or items prohibited by University policy ([UCLA Policy 810](https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000386/SubstanceAbuse))
    - No testing, using, handing out, or selling marijuana as part of a club organized activity.
  - [https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000386/SubstanceAbuse](https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000386/SubstanceAbuse)

**Speakers and Sponsors Limitations?**

- **NO**
  - **YES**
    - **Speakers** can be invited to speak on topics related to the industry functions, business trends and development, industry outlook, issues relating to policy, education, and research.
    - **Sponsors**- support from entities or individuals that are only indirectly tied to the marijuana industry are considered Tier 3 and may be accepted. See “Implementing UC Guidance on Accepting Cannabis Industry Support Memo” [https://rpc.research.ucla.edu/rpc-announcement/implementing-uc-guidance-on-accepting-cannabis-industry-support/](https://rpc.research.ucla.edu/rpc-announcement/implementing-uc-guidance-on-accepting-cannabis-industry-support/)

- **YES**
  - Limitations-
    - Distribution of any illegal products or items prohibited by university policy.
    - Speakers/Panelists may not further or facilitate activities that are illegal under state and/or Federal law or prohibited by university policy. This includes:
      - Recruiting employees for illegal businesses
      - Marketing illegal businesses
      - Promoting their own business if it conducts illegal activities (such as the cultivation or sale of marijuana)
    - Support from entities that are directly or partially tied to the marijuana industry see “Implementing UC Guidance on Accepting Cannabis Industry Support Memo”, [https://rpc.research.ucla.edu/rpc-announcement/implementing-uc-guidance-on-accepting-cannabis-industry-support/](https://rpc.research.ucla.edu/rpc-announcement/implementing-uc-guidance-on-accepting-cannabis-industry-support/)