Agreement Type	Agreement Type Definition
Clinical Trial Agreement (CTA)/ Clinical Research Agreement	A legally binding agreement that governs the conduct of a particular clinical study and sets forth the obligations of each party to the agreement. A CTA outlines, in its entirety, the details of what the clinical trial will cover and puts into writing the formal understandings of each party for the conduct of the study. It also contains the legal and financial terms related to the clinical study. Typically Funded
Collaboration Agreement	An agreement for contemplated collaborative research project between two or more parties. Outlines materials or expertise each party brings to the research project, and their anticipated contribution of each. Typically unfunded.
Confidentiality Agreement (CDA) or Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)	An agreement designed to protect confidential information that may be released between and among two parties to allow them to determine whether or not to enter into a subsequent agreement to conduct research. CDAs/NDAs may be unilateral (where only one party is sharing confidential information) or mutual/bilateral (where each party expects to share confidential information with the other) and are generally requested by sponsors prior to disclosing a study protocol or other information which the sponsor considers proprietary. Typically Unfunded.
Data Use Agreement (DUA) or Data Transfer Use Agreement (DTUA)	Agreements that facilitate the transfer of data for use in scholarly activities that are subject to conditions on their use. DUAs outline the terms and conditions of data transfer; these terms and conditions may include limitations on the use of data, obligations to safeguard the data, and privacy rights that are associated with transfers of confidential or protected data. Any data leaving the University requires a DUA. Typically unfunded but may require a nominal fee for data processing.
Intellectual Property (IP) Agreement	A legal agreement that protects the intellectual property of developers, such as trademarks, copyrights, patents and trade secrets. An IP agreement specifies the terms and conditions of utilizing intellectual property assets between two or more people or organizations. Typically unfunded.
Master Agreement	A legal agreement outlining the scope of the relationship between two parties, including the basic terms and conditions for current and future activities and responsibilities. Typically unfunded, however the scope of work funded under a Master Agreement is typically funded.

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Material Transfer Agreement (MTA)	A legal agreement that governs the transfer of tangible research materials between two organizations when the recipient intends to use the materials for their own research purposes. The MTA defines the rights of the provider and the rights and obligations of the recipient with respect to the materials and any progeny, derivatives, or modifications. MTAs are used primarily to document the transfer of biological materials (plasmids, cell lines, mouse strains, etc.), but also may be used in the transfer of some types of non-biological material (chemical compounds, mouse modes, software). Typically unfunded but may include shipping and processing fees.
Other Unfunded Agreement	Agreements for activities that do not fall into any other agreement category and have no financial terms. Example, equipment loan agreements. Typically unfunded.
Service Agreement	A legal agreement between two parties where one party agrees to provide a specified service to the other. A service agreement provides reassurance and a binding obligation to carry out the services that have been agreed to and also ensures the service provider is properly compensated for their work. Typically funded.
Sponsored Research Agreement (SRA)	A legal agreement between two parties where one party provides funding to the second party to support the performance of a specified research project or related activity. A Sponsored Research Agreement typically includes a specific scope of work, budget and payment terms, and other standard contracting terms. Typically funded.
Subagreement (Subaward or Subcontract)	A subagreement is a written agreement between a prime awardee and a contracted entity (subrecipient) in support of the prime awardee's research project. The subrecipient performs research activities on behalf of the prime awardee as specified in the scope of work (SOW) included as an attachment to the written subagreement. Terms and conditions of the prime award are passed down to the subrecipient via the subagreement. Additional attachments to the subagreement include the payment terms and amount, the date range for the completion of the SOW, and contact information for both parties. Can be funded or unfunded.
Technology Control Plan (TCP)	A customized management plan used to identify export controlled materials or data and describe how these items will secured. A TCP includes a description of the export-controlled information, a physical and informational security plan and personnel screening and briefing procedures. The purpose of the TCP is to prevent unauthorized access to controlled technology and includes plans for storing the items as well as procedures for guarding against unauthorized access to the restricted items or data. Typically unfunded.
Testing Agreement	A testing agreement is an agreement requesting that a faculty member test a specific compound, device or process for an outside entity for a fee. No creative data analysis will be performed and no intellectual property should be anticipated. Typically funded.

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Visiting Scientist	A visiting scientist agreement is a legally binding agreement entered into between the University and another academic institution or other party that outlines the terms and rules to be followed when an individual is visiting the University. A visiting scientist agreement is designed to enable a productive interaction but not at the financial or intellectual property expense of the University. Typically unfunded.
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The Office of Research and Project Administration (ORPA) is happy to help determine which type of agreement is appropriate for the activities you are contemplating. Please feel free to reach out to them.

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