



OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY

Confidentiality Agreement

As a condition of my employment at OVU, I understand and agree with the following provisions to which I am bound as an OVU employee:

- I understand that in performing the duties for which I have been hired I may see and have access to confidential, sensitive and/or private information (hereafter “confidential information”). For purposes of this Agreement, “confidential information” means any fact, matter, document, or file in any form (oral, hard copy, or electronic), disclosed to me or known by me as a consequence of my employment and not generally known outside of my department or school at OVU.
- During my employment and after my employment is terminated, I will not disclose to, discuss or share with any unauthorized person, group or department, inside or outside of OVU, any confidential information, in any form, except to the extent such disclosure, discussion or sharing authorized by my supervisor [and/or the appropriate data trustee].
- I will not use confidential information for my own personal purposes.
- I will not copy or remove from OVU any document, file, or database that may contain confidential information, except to the extent that I am given permission to do so by my supervisor.
- I will not look at, examine, or retrieve any document, file, or database, except those to which I am authorized to access and which are necessary for me to access in order to perform my job duties.
- I will not discuss or share with any unauthorized person, group or department, inside or outside of OVU, any conclusions that I or others draw from confidential information, if discussing or sharing those conclusions would reveal any confidential information.
- If I am ever uncertain whether a particular fact, matter, document, or file is covered by this agreement, I will resolve all uncertainties in favor of preserving the confidentiality of that information, and I will seek clarification from my supervisor [and/or the appropriate data trustee] before engaging in any conduct that could jeopardize the confidentiality of the information.

- If I become aware that a breach of confidentiality has occurred due to my own or others' acts or omissions, I will immediately notify my supervisor [the appropriate data trustee, and/or the OVU information security officer].
- I understand that as an OVU employee, I am bound by OVU policies as they now exist and as they may from time to time be amended, that address issues of confidentiality, data usages and privacy rights identified in the Employee Handbook.
- Upon termination of my assignment or as requested by my supervisor, I will return all material containing confidential information to my supervisor or his or her designee.
- I understand that any violation of the terms of this agreement may subject me to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of my employment. In addition, I understand that OVU reserves the right to take further action including referral to the appropriate internal or law enforcement authorities for investigation, adjudication, or prosecution.

By signing and dating this agreement in the spaces below, I certify that I have read and understood this agreement in its entirety, and that I agree to be bound by its terms both during my employment and after I leave my position at OVU.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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