



UNIVERSITY POLICY

Policy Name:	Banking Relationship Policy – Domestic and International				
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Responsible Executive:	Director of Treasury Operations	Revised:	10/10/2013; 08/31/2017		
Responsible Office:	Treasury Operations	Contact:	Director of Treasury Operations (848-445-3353)		

1. Policy Statement

This policy establishes guidelines for centralizing and controlling the flow of funds throughout the university as well as establishing and maintaining university bank accounts for the purpose of conducting university business.

2. Reason for Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish adequate control procedures over University assets, to minimize the University’s risk of financial loss, mitigate other potential liabilities, and to ensure that related financial assets are recorded properly on the university’s general ledger (G/L).

3. Who Should Read This Policy

All members of the Rutgers University community that require and/or utilize university bank accounts should review and understand this policy.

University administrators including, but not limited to:

- Chancellors and vice presidents
- Deans, directors, chairs, and department heads
- Administrators, managers, supervisors

4. Resources

Cash Handling Policy:

http://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/40.2.8%20-%20current_0.pdf

Treasury Operations Cash Handling Procedures:

<https://treasury.rutgers.edu/cash-check-handling/cash-and-check-handling-procedures>

All policies are subject to amendment. Please refer to the Rutgers University Policy Library website (policies.rutgers.edu) for the official, most recent version.

5. **Definitions**

For purposes of this policy, “university bank accounts” means all bank accounts opened (1) for the University or any of its schools, departments, centers, institutes, programs, etc.(2) by or for any entity in which the University has an interest (such as an entity that may be established for overseas activities, or a subsidiary of the University); and/or (3) any entity with the Rutgers University tax identification number. The entities collectively defined in (1), (2), and (3) shall hereafter be described as “department”.

6. **The Policy**

I. **Policy Details**

- A. All banking will be conducted and coordinated through the Office of Treasury Operations in order to achieve efficiency and avoid duplication of effort and bank accounts. Therefore, the university’s tax identification number should not be used to open a bank account without prior approval from the Office of Treasury Operations.
- B. Bank accounts may only be opened and closed with the approval of the Director of Treasury Operations. The Office of Treasury Operations will review the requests to open a bank account to ensure that the bank account does not duplicate other university accounts and to ensure appropriate control procedures are in place, among other factors.
- C. Once approved, the department maintaining a bank account for university funds must make arrangements with the banking institution at which the account is located to cause a duplicate statement to be sent to University Accounting, 33 Knightsbridge Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854. For international accounts, duplicate statements must also be sent to University Treasury at treasury@finance.rutgers.edu. If the bank is unable to send duplicates directly, the responsible department should forward the monthly statements accordingly.

II. **Responsibilities**

- A. The Office of Treasury Operations is responsible for:
 - 1. Ensuring that the flow of funds throughout the university is performed in an secure and expeditious manner
 - 2. Acting as the liaison between the university and the financial community
 - 3. Opening, closing, and monitoring the existence of all accounts holding university financial assets
 - 4. Counseling individuals handling university financial assets regarding the concept and importance of funds availability and fiscal accountability.
- B. The Director of Treasury Operations is responsible for the timely reporting to the Vice President for Finance & Associate Treasurer on faculty and staff compliance with this policy and any recommendations or problems that arise
- C. Special Responsibilities for International Bank Accounts:

Any department maintaining an international bank account must ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to ensure compliance with university control requirements as well

as any local, state, and federal guidelines; and to ensure the appropriate expenditure of university funds. The Office of Treasury Operations will review and approve procedures related to international bank accounts including, but not limited to:

1. Monthly bank reconciliation performed by a departmental staff member based in the U.S., completed within fourteen days of the prior month-end, including reconciliation of all activity to the bank statement. If there are unreconciled items and/or if the reconciliation is not completed or up-to-date for any reason, the Office of Treasury Operations must be notified immediately.
2. All authorized bank account signatories must be Rutgers employees unless otherwise granted exception by the Vice President for Finance and Associate Treasurer, and the Office of Treasury Operations must be notified immediately of any changes to the signatories. There should be at least two signatories on the account, including at least one based in the U.S.
3. Balances in bank accounts holding university funds should be recorded appropriately in the G/L on at least a monthly basis. If the department does not maintain a suitable sub-ledger system, then activity should also be recorded in the G/L.
4. The department shall be responsible for notifying their employees who have signature authority over the account that they may have a personal tax filing requirement under the Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. See (<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/report-of-foreign-bank-and-financial-accounts-fbar>).