

Dear traveler,

You have indicated that you plan to travel internationally. When traveling abroad, any physical material or technical data in your possession is considered by United States regulations to have been “exported” from the United States to your final destination and any intermediate destinations. It is your responsibility to abide by the US export laws and embargoes to ensure you are in compliance with national security, economic, and foreign policy. Here are a few items you should be aware of:

Travel to Sanctioned Countries: Iran, Syria, Cuba, North Korea and Sudan are sanctioned and embargoed countries. Carrying any hardware (including laptop computers or cell phones) and providing or accepting services from sanctioned entities may be a violation of US export laws. Please contact Danielle Peters x4647 dpeters@bloomu.edu as soon as possible if you need to travel to any of these locations.

Traveling with hardware: When traveling to many foreign locations, certain items (including laptop computers and electronic devices) must remain under “effective control” of the traveler at all times, which is defined *in federal regulations* as: “retaining physical possession of item or keeping it secured in a place such as a hotel safe, a bonded warehouse, or a locked or guarded exhibition facility”. If you need to take high-tech devices to foreign locations, it is recommended that you check with the Wayne Mohr x4303 wmohr@bloomu.edu to make sure the device can legally be exported to your destination.

Traveling with Technical Data: Depending on the location and type of data, travelers cannot possess “controlled technical data” defined as “data required for the design, fabrication, operation, or maintenance of military or dual-use technology and, not in the public domain or otherwise exempt from licensing requirements”. Generally, this could include any proprietary data. **The best advice is to not travel to foreign locations with a computer that contains any proprietary or sensitive data. “Clean computers” may be available from the University for your use when traveling on official business travel.**

More information on traveling abroad can be found at:

PASSHE’s [Export Controls website](#):

<https://secure.passhe.edu/asa/exportcontrols/Pages/Export-Controls-Home.aspx>

While the University has a goal of promoting academic freedom and sharing of information to the greatest extent possible, researchers and administrators need to be mindful of the legal restrictions including the significant personal liability associated with handling sensitive (i.e. controlled) technologies.

Please contact the Finance and Business Services office to help you determine what action you should take while traveling internationally at 570-389-4647. You may also access the website at http://www.bloomu.edu/finance_busoffice/travel-international