TRAVELING WITH RESEARCH SAMPLES

ENTRY REQUIREMENT
- International travelers returning to the US with research samples are required to declare samples to US Customs & Border Protection Agency (CBP) for entry processing.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
- 47 Participating Government Agencies (PGA’s) may have controlling interest over samples including:
  - FDA, EPA, USDA, and FWS

SAMPLES INCLUDE:
- Biological samples such as human, animal, agriculture and microbiological
- Chemical samples
- Environmental samples
- Artifacts

REQUIREMENTS
- Travelers declaring sample entry are liable for information and documentation provided to CBP.
- Avoid unnecessary entry delays, forfeiture of samples, and PGA enforcement actions, by researching the import and permit requirements in advance.

RECOMMENDATIONS
- Consider sending samples back through MSU Preferred Air Service Couriers FedEx and/or DHL.
- Preplan the self-declared entry.

GET STARTED!
- Click here for further information on traveling with research samples.
- Contact University Services Logistics in advance to coordinate the customs entry requirements.