Obtaining a Controlled Substance Research License and Registration

How do I get a controlled substance license/registration?
Obtaining a license to use controlled substances is a relatively easy process, but it does take some time. You will need to get both a State of Michigan Controlled Substance Research License and a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Controlled Substance Researcher Registration.

1. Obtain a State of Michigan license
   Submit your State of Michigan Controlled Substance Research License first. You will need your State of Michigan Controlled Substance Research License number in order to get final approval from the DEA, so submit it first to get the process started. You do not have to wait until you receive the State of Michigan license number to submit the application for your federal DEA registration.

   Applying for a State of Michigan Controlled Substance Research license is a two part process:
   1. Completion of the application- Cost $85.85
   2. Criminal background check

Complete the application for a State of Michigan Controlled Substance Research License
- Fill out the application found here: 
- You will need the following supplemental information:
  - Credentials to conduct the proposed research
  - Protocol of the proposed research
  - List of controlled substances & doses to be used
    Controlled Substance Schedules
  - Procedures for storage & security of drugs
  - List of other staff/persons involved
- Note: A separate application must be submitted to conduct research with Schedule I controlled substances.

Criminal background check
- A criminal background check is part of this process. The State of Michigan will contact you with procedures for completing the fingerprinting and background check.

2. Obtain a DEA Registration
You will need your State of Michigan Controlled Substance License Number to complete the DEA application.

Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substance Registration Application
- Complete the form for a New Applicant found here:
- Complete Form 225 for a research license- Cost $244; however employees of the university qualify for the fee exemption. Your department chair can serve as the certifying official.
- Use the Online Application System for the fastest turn-around time
- Controlled Substance Schedules
• Required supplemental information
  o State of Michigan license number
  o To conduct research with Schedule I controlled substances- attach 3 copies of protocol, including curriculum vitae

• Note: This application is only for Schedules II-V. A separate application is required to conduct research with Schedule I controlled substances.

Where can I find additional information?

• State of Michigan Application for Controlled Substance Research License
• Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substance Registration Application
• Title 21 Codified Regulations
• Title 21 USC Codified Controlled Substance Act
• Michigan Act 368 of 1978 Public Health Code: Article Seven Controlled Substances
• Michigan Board of Pharmacy Administrative Rules: Controlled Substances
• Controlled Substance Schedules