

 <p><b>Category:</b> Financial</p> <p><b>Policy applicable for:</b> Faculty/Staff</p>	<p><i>Policy Title:</i> <b>Alcohol Purchases</b></p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 02/01/2008</p> <p><b>Prior Effective Date:</b> mm/dd/yyyy</p> <p><b>Enabling Act(s):</b> University Board Rule 10-17-07</p>	<p><i>Policy Number:</i> <b>2.1.1</b></p> <p><b>Policy Owner:</b> Sr. VP for Administration and Finance</p> <p><b>Responsible Office(s):</b> Accounts Payable Purchasing</p>
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## Background

The University of Cincinnati prohibits the purchase of alcohol except as noted below.

## Policy

Since alcohol may present risks, events at which it is available should be managed with common sense and due care. Alcohol may not be charged to general funds, designated funds or auxiliary funds. However, in certain circumstances, alcohol purchases for university-related purposes (business meals or university events) may be justified.

These alcohol purchases must be charged to discretionary gift or expendable endowment funds, have prior documented approval (i.e. signature or direct e-mail) of a senior vice president, vice president, dean or their designee, and follow unit or college policies and procedures, which may be more restrictive. Discretionary funds are gifts made to a college or administrative area with a broad restriction that they be used to benefit that particular area.

Amounts expended from discretionary funds for the purchase of alcohol must be reasonable.

Alcohol purchases are not permitted on a Purchasing Card.

## Alcohol Purchases on Sponsored Projects

The costs of alcoholic beverages are not allowable on sponsored projects, unless specifically proposed and approved as a part of the grant or contract.

## Exemptions

Alcohol purchases for clinical or research use or by the Culinary program or similar academic programs, or for resale by auxiliaries are not subject to the above rules.

## Procedure

<b>UC Flex GL Account</b>	530407 (Alcohol (Approved Purchases)) 531901 (Lab Supplies)
<b>UC Flex Fund</b>	Must be Discretionary Fund
<b>Medical Center Fund of Cincinnati</b>	Disbursement Document
<b>Practice Plan</b>	See Business Administrator
<b>Questions on liquor permits</b> (pre-approval from General Counsel is required to serve alcohol at a university event)	Contact the Office of General Counsel at 556-3483

*Organizational units may institute policies more, but not less, restrictive than this policy (2.1.1) if desired.*

### **Related links:**

[Academic Health Center Policy on Alcohol Purchases](#)  
[Medical Center Fund of Cincinnati Disbursement Document](#)  
[University Board Rule on Alcohol](#)

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