University of Wisconsin–Madison Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drone) Hobbyist and Recreational Use Policy

The University of Wisconsin–Madison prohibits the recreational or hobbyist use of unmanned aircraft operations (drones) by students, employees or visitors on UW–Madison premises. This includes the campus as well as areas owned by campus (e.g., UW Arboretum, agricultural stations, etc.). Drone operations by registered student organizations and by students in connection with UW–Madison coursework, are eligible to be considered for approval under the Research Vehicle Safety Oversight policy and will need to apply for approval as instructional use. Requests for UAS operations by facilities planning and design consultant teams, and/or on behalf of architects, engineers, or construction contractors engaged in facility projects on UW lands pursuant to contracts issued by the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration or by the University of Wisconsin System Administration on behalf of UW-Madison, will follow the application process outlined in the Research Vehicle Safety Oversight policy. UAS operations by third parties for marketing/promotional purposes are not permitted under this policy and should be directed to University Marketing.