# Research Misconduct Policy and Process

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# **UF Policy on Research Integrity**

UF Regulation 1.0101 – Research Integrity

Regulation and associated policy closely follow PHS policy

"Integrity in scholarship and research is fundamental to the University of Florida's mission of excellence in education, research, and service. The University and its faculty, staff and students must together ensure that violations of research integrity are dealt with efficiently and diligently in order to preserve and maintain the highest ethical standards of scholarly and research integrity."



## Research Misconduct

### **Fabrication**

Making up data or results and recording or reporting them

## **Falsification**

Manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record

## **Plagiarism**

The <u>appropriation</u> of another person's ideas, processes, results, or works without giving appropriate credit



## **Review Process**

#### **Allegation Assessment**

- Intake of allegation and initial review
- Who did what, where, when, how?

#### An inquiry (60 days) is warranted if:

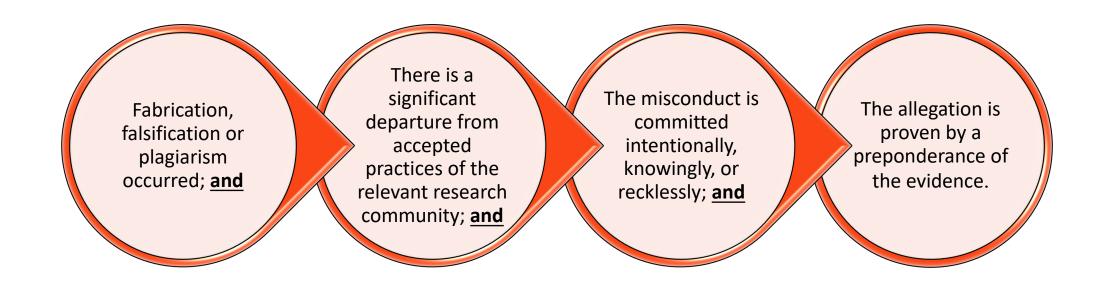
- the allegation falls within the definition of Research Misconduct, and
- is sufficiently credible and specific so that potential evidence of Research Misconduct may be identified.

#### An investigation (120 days) is warranted if:

- there is a reasonable basis for concluding that the allegation falls within the definition of Research Misconduct, and
- preliminary fact finding from the inquiry indicates the allegation may have substance.



# **Finding of Research Misconduct**



An Investigation may only be conducted by a faculty committee with relevant scientific expertise and no conflicts of interest.



## **Questions?**

https://research.ufl.edu/compliance.html