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Policy on Integrity in Research

Definitions

Misconduct/fraud in research means fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or other practices that materially deviate from those that are commonly accepted within the academic community for proposing, conducting, or reporting research.

It does not include honest errors or honest differences in interpretations or judgments of data.

Policy

Research misconduct is contrary to the interests of science, the State and Federal government, and the health and safety of the public, and is a significant violation of policy at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). The faculty, staff, and students of UTMB have an affirmative duty to ensure the integrity of all science conducted at UTMB or by UTMB personnel, and have a primary responsibility for responding to and reporting allegations of research misconduct to the Scientific Integrity Officer at UTMB.

Anyone determined to have violated this policy may be disciplined, up to and including termination of employment, dismissal from their academic program, or both.

Procedures

All institutional members will report observed, suspected, or apparent research misconduct to the Scientific Integrity Officer (SIO) or to the UTMB Fraud and Abuse Hotline.

If an individual is unsure whether a suspected incident falls within the definition of research misconduct, he or she may meet with or contact the Scientific Integrity Officer to discuss the suspected research misconduct informally.

If the circumstances described by the individual do not meet the definition of research misconduct, the Scientific Integrity Officer will refer the individual or allegation to other offices or officials with responsibility for resolving the problem.

The Scientific Integrity Committee's Policy and Procedure Manual is available for a detailed description of the Committee's due process procedures.

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IHOP 5.3.10 Faculty Termination Policy
IHOP 7.1.3 Student Conduct and Discipline Policy