Research Misconduct Review Process

Allegation of research misconduct → Department or Unit Head / Whistleblower Hotline / Research Integrity Officer (RIO) → Refers → RIO

RIO reviews and determines type of concern

Potential Research Misconduct:
- Fabrication
- Falsification
- Plagiarism

Other Complaints:
- Authorship dispute
- Data ownership/use
- Copyright infringement
- Collaboration or supervisory issues

 Potential Research Misconduct: Refer to Department Chair, Dean, Ombudsperson or appropriate office(s)

RIO

Review (credible and specific)

END

YES

Initiate Faculty Inquiry Committee per PPM 100-4

NO

Allegation lacks substance

Finding that research misconduct may have occurred

Initiate Investigation per PPM 100-4

Useful Contacts:
Research Compliance and Integrity:
Web: http://rci.ucsd.edu; Email: rci@ucsd.edu;
Phone: (858) 822-4939

UCSD Whistleblower Hotline:
For reporting possible fraud such as misuse of assets, potential false billings, conflict of interest, or other compliance issues, (877) 319-0265

Graduation Division: http://grad.ucsd.edu

Office of Postdoctoral and Visiting Scholars:
http://postdoc.ucsd.edu

Office of the Ombuds: https://ombuds.ucsd.edu

Policies and Guidelines:
- Integrity of Research Policy PPM 100-4
- UCSD Guidelines on Access and Management of Research Data
- Postdoctoral Scholars Discipline and Grievances
- Graduate Division Conflict Resolution and Student Appeals
- Research Ethics Program
- ICMJE Defining the Role of Authors and Contributors
- Copyright and Library Policy

Definitions:
- **Allegation**: Oral or written statement or other evidence of apparent instance(s) of Research Misconduct.
- **Department Head**: Head of the Academic or Research Unit in which Research Misconduct is alleged to have occurred.
- **Research Integrity Officer (RIO)**: The Vice Chancellor for Research is the RIO for UCSD and is responsible for implementation of the University Research Misconduct Policy.

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