### Research Misconduct Review Process

1. **Allegation of research misconduct** → **Department or Unit Head / Whistleblower Hotline / Research Integrity Officer (RIO)**
   - **Refers** to **RIO**
   - **RIO reviews and determines type of concern**

2. **Potential Research Misconduct:**
   - Fabrication
   - Falsification
   - Plagiarism

3. **Review (credible and specific)**
   - **YES** → **Initiate Faculty Inquiry Committee per PPM 100-4**
   - **NO** → **Findings that research misconduct may have occurred**
     - **Initiate Investigation per PPM 100-4**
     - **Finding that research misconduct may have occurred** → **Initiate Faculty Inquiry Committee per PPM 100-4**

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

5. **Provide Feedback**

### 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.

### Useful Contacts:
- **Research Compliance and Integrity**:
  - Web: [http://rci.ucsd.edu](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](http://grad.ucsd.edu)
- **Office of Postdoctoral and Visiting Scholars**: [http://postdoc.ucsd.edu](http://postdoc.ucsd.edu)
- **Office of the Ombuds**: [https://ombuds.ucsd.edu](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**