Research Misconduct Support Resources

UC San Diego observes the highest standards of integrity in its scientific and research activities. All UC San Diego employees, students and scholars are expected to aspire to the highest standards of integrity in their research and to be aware of and comply with applicable policies and procedures of the University and the external entities funding their research. If you suspect that Research Misconduct has occurred, contact Sandra Brown, Vice Chancellor for Research at sandrabrown@ucsd.edu, (858) 534-3526, or Angela McMahill, Executive Director, Research Compliance and Integrity at amcmahill@ucsd.edu, (858) 534-7321. Research misconduct actions, regardless of if you bring forward the allegation (Complainant), are being accused of the research misconduct (Respondent) or are a Witness, can be stressful. The University provides several sources of support at no cost and the parties are encouraged to seek this support as necessary.

Resources

1. **Counseling and Psychology Services (CAPS)**
   Counseling and Psychology Services (CAPS) provides free, confidential, psychological counseling and crisis services for UCSD students. CAPS also provides a variety of groups, workshops, and drop-in forums. CAPS can see all currently registered students, undergraduates or graduates. Visit the CAPS reference library at [https://caps.ucsd.edu/selfhelp.html](https://caps.ucsd.edu/selfhelp.html) for more information including information on student/advisor relationships.

2. **Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP)**
   The Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) is a confidential service designed to help all campus employees and the members of their immediate household resolve concerns that may be affecting personal well-being and/or job performance.

3. **Faculty Peer Mediation Program**
   The Faculty Peer Mediation Program can assist in any interpersonal conflict between faculty that does not require formal reporting (e.g. does not involve a violation of university policy or federal or state law) and has not been filed as a formal grievance with another administrative unit (e.g. Research Affairs or Academic Senate). Both parties should have a stake in resolving the matter. Mediation is a form of dispute resolution in which a neutral mediator facilitates a discussion between parties who have a disagreement and assists them in identifying a mutually acceptable resolution. The process is confidential, informal, and strictly voluntary. It also promotes understanding and joint problem-solving. Call (858) 246-1923 for more information.

4. **In the Community:**
   Community support resources are available for individuals seeking off-campus assistance:
   - San Diego Access and Crisis Line: (888) 724-7240
   - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: (800) 273-8255

5. **Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination (OHPD)**
   Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination (OHPD) works to resolve complaints of discrimination and harassment through formal investigation or alternative resolution. To make an online report of bias, harassment, or discrimination, please visit [reportbias.ucsd.edu](http://reportbias.ucsd.edu). Reports can be made anonymously, but you are encouraged to give contact information for a more effective response by OPHD. Resolution of complaints by OPHD takes a range of forms depending on the stage and
severity of the incident, including education programs, reassignments, and/or a formal investigation. Call (858) 534-8298 or email ophd@ucsd.edu for more information.

6. **Office of the Ombuds**
   The Office of the Ombuds is a channel for confidential, neutral, and informal dispute resolution services for the UC San Diego Community. Call (858) 534-0777 to schedule an appointment.

7. **UC Retaliation Policy**
   UC San Diego PPM (PPM 200-14) provides information on the protection of whistleblowers from retaliation.

8. **Whistleblower Hotline**
   The Whistleblower Hotline is an anonymous avenue “for reporting possible fraud such as misuse of assets, potential false billings, conflict of interest, or other compliance issues.” The University of California hotline is (800) 403-4744.

For additional information or assistance, please contact the Research Compliance and Integrity Office at rci@ucsd.edu or (858) 822-4939.