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Rule Summary

One of the major responsibilities of a university is to create and maintain an environment that promotes research, scholarship, and creative work. Because the credibility of research, scholarship, and creative work, funded or non-funded, depends upon its integrity, Texas A&M University-Commerce requires all researchers associated with the University, including faculty, staff and other persons, to adhere to superior standards in the conduct of all research, scholarship, and creative work.

This rule adopts and supplements System Regulation *15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work*.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1 ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

Any allegations of misconduct in research, scholarship, and creative work activities should be reported in writing to the Vice Provost for Research. The Vice Provost for Research is the designated officer who is responsible for carrying out the provisions of this rule and System Regulation *15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work*.

2 INVESTIGATIONS

When allegations of misconduct in research, scholarship, and/or creative work are reported in writing to the Vice Provost for Research, he or she may initiate an inquiry into the alleged misconduct.

2.1 The inquiry is an informal fact finding activity to determine whether an allegation warrants an investigation. The inquiry will be conducted by the Vice Provost for Research with or without the assistance of a committee (appointed by the Vice Provost for Research) following the guidelines specified in System Regulation 15.99.03.

2.2 If the inquiry provides sufficient basis for conducting an investigation, one will be conducted following the guidelines specified in System Regulation 15.99.03. The investigation is a formal examination of relevant facts to determine if misconduct has occurred and will be conducted by a committee appointed by the Vice Provost for Research.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Regulation [15.99.03, *Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work*](#)

University Procedure [15.99.01.R1 *Human Subject Protection*](#)

University Procedure [15.99.07.R1 *Use of Vertebrate Animals*](#)

University Procedure [15.99.06.R1 *Use of Biohazards in Research, Teaching and Testing*](#)

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