PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY RULE

15.99.03.P1 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work
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Rule Statement

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) strives to maintain superior standards in all research, scholarship, and creative work activities and expects all employees and other persons participating in PVAMU projects and/or support activities to do likewise.

Reason for Rule

This university rule is required by System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work for handling allegations of scientific misconduct consistent with the terms of the System Regulation.

Official Procedures and Responsibilities

1. DESIGNATED OFFICER

1.1 The designated officer shall be the Vice President for Research, Innovation and Sponsored Programs (VPRISP). The VPRISP is responsible for carrying out the provisions of this university rule and System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work. For the purposes of this university rule, the VPRISP will be referred to as the Research Integrity Officer (RIO).

2. DECIDING OFFICIAL

2.1 The Deciding Official (DO) shall be the university president or their designee. The DO is responsible for making final determinations on allegations of misconduct in research, scholarship, or creative work activities and any responsive institutional actions. The DO shall not be involved in the allegation assessment, inquiry, or investigation.

3. ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

3.1 Any allegations of misconduct in research, scholarship, or creative work activities conducted on behalf of PVAMU should be reported in writing to the RIO.

4. INQUIRY, INVESTIGATION, AND ADJUDICATION
4.1   Inquiry

4.1.1   An inquiry based upon a written complaint (sufficiently credible and specific) may be initiated by the RIO or a committee appointed by the RIO with oversight from the Office of Research Compliance. The inquiry will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines specified in System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work. The inquiry is an assessment of whether the allegation has substance and if the allegation warrants an investigation.

4.2   Investigation

4.2.1   After review by the DO, in consultation with the RIO, should an inquiry provide sufficient basis for conducting an investigation, one shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines specified in System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work. A formal investigation will be conducted by a committee appointed by the RIO. The investigation is an examination of relevant facts to determine if misconduct has occurred.

4.3.   Adjudication

4.3.1   The investigation committee’s report of findings and any recommended sanctions and/or restorative actions along with the respondent’s comments, if any, will be forwarded to the DO for adjudication in accordance with System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work.

Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations and Rules

42 CFR, Part 50
42 CFR, Part 93
45 CFR, Part 689
System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work

Definitions

For definitions, see “Definitions” in System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work.

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