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. ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

   1.1 Any allegations of misconduct in research, scholarship, or creative work activities conducted on behalf of PVAMU should be reported to the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (VPRGS) or his or her designee. The VPRGS is the designated official for carrying out the requirements of this Rule and System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work.

2. INQUIRY AND INVESTIGATIONS

   2.1 An inquiry based upon a written complaint (sufficiently credible and specific) may be initiated by the VPRGS or a committee appointed by the VPRGS with oversight from the Office of Research Compliance. The inquiry is an assessment of whether the allegation has substance and if the allegation warrants an investigation.

   2.2 Should an inquiry provide sufficient basis for conducting an investigation, one shall be conducted following the guidelines of System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work. A formal investigation will be conducted by a committee appointed by the VPRGS with oversight from the Office of Research Compliance. The investigation is an examination of relevant facts to determine if misconduct has occurred.
2.3. The findings along with any recommended sanctions and/or restorative actions will be forwarded to the VPRGS, the Office of Research Compliance, and the respondent in accordance with System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work. Actions taken, if any, will be in accordance with System Regulation 15.99.03 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work.

Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations and Rules

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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