

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER RULES

15.99.03.Z1. Ethics in Research and Scholarship

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Supplements System Regulation 15.99.03

1. OVERVIEW

The Texas A&M Health Science Center (HSC) shall maintain superior standards in all research and scholarship activities. The HSC requires all employees and other persons participating in HSC research projects and/or support activities to do likewise.

2. ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

Any allegations of misconduct in HSC research or scholarship activities must be reported in writing to the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (VPRGS). The VPRGS is the Designated Institutional Officer who is responsible for carrying out the requirements of this Rule and of System Regulation 15.99.03.

3. INVESTIGATIONS

When written allegations of misconduct in research or scholarship are presented to the VPRGS, he or she may initiate an inquiry into the alleged misconduct.

- 3.1. The inquiry is an informal fact finding effort to determine whether an allegation warrants an investigation. The inquiry will be conducted by the VPRGS, or by a committee appointed by the VPRGS.
- 3.2. If the inquiry provides sufficient basis for conducting an investigation, one shall be conducted following the guidelines of 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 VPRGS.

OFFICE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies