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DEFINITIONS

Academic Unit. An Academic Unit is a Department, Departmental Division, or Organized Research Unit.

Allegation. An Allegation is any oral or written statement or other evidence of one or more apparent instances of Research Misconduct.

Appropriate Vice Chancellor. Depending on the Respondent's faculty appointment, employment and/or student status, in the judgment of the RIO, the Appropriate Vice Chancellor is one or more of the following Vice Chancellors at UCSD: Senior Vice Chancellor-Academic Affairs; Vice Chancellor-Business Affairs; Vice Chancellor-Health Sciences; Vice Chancellor-Marine Sciences; or Vice Chancellor-Student Affairs.

Bad Faith. An action is in Bad Faith if it is made with reckless disregard for or willful ignorance of facts that would disprove the Allegation or if it is made falsely with malicious intent to harm the Respondent.

Complainant. A Complainant is a person who makes an Allegation.

Conflict of Interest. A Conflict of Interest exists when a relationship between a decision-maker and the Complainant, the Respondent, or the Research that is the subject of an Allegation creates the potential for compromised judgment or decision-making.

Department Head. A Department Head is the head of the Academic Unit in which Research Misconduct is alleged to have occurred.

Fabrication. Fabrication is making up data or results and recording or reporting them.

Falsification. Falsification is manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the Research is not accurately represented in the Research Record.

Inquiry. An Inquiry is an informal process for gathering information and initial fact-finding to determine whether an Allegation warrants an Investigation.

Investigation. An Investigation is the formal examination and evaluation of all relevant facts to determine, based upon a Preponderance of the Evidence, whether Research Misconduct has occurred, and, if so, its extent and consequences and the responsible person or persons.

Personnel Review File. The Personnel Review File is that portion of an individual's academic personnel record which is maintained by the University for purposes of considering personnel actions under the relevant criteria and should contain only material relevant to these purposes. Final administrative decisions are to be based solely upon the material contained in the individual's Personnel Review File.

Plagiarism. Plagiarism is the appropriation of another person's words, ideas or research results without acknowledgement, and passing them off as one's own.
Policy. The Policy is the University of California, San Diego “Integrity of Research Policy.”

Preponderance of the Evidence. There is a Preponderance of the Evidence when the greater weight of credible evidence shows that it is more likely than not that a Respondent committed the alleged act.

Probable Cause. Probable cause is a reasonable belief based on a standard of proof such that a person of ordinary caution or prudence would be led to believe and conscientiously entertain a strong suspicion of such violation.

Research. Research means a systematic investigation, including development, testing, evaluation, or publication to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Activities that meet this definition constitute Research for purposes of this Policy, whether they are conducted or supported under a program that is considered Research for other purposes.

Researcher. A Researcher is any person who is engaged in the design, conduct, or reporting of Research at or for UCSD.

Research Integrity Officer (RIO). The RIO is responsible for assessing Allegations and determining when such Allegations warrant Inquiries, and overseeing Inquiries and Investigations. The Vice Chancellor for Research is the RIO for UCSD. General oversight of the Policy is the responsibility of the Vice Chancellor for Research.

Research Misconduct. Research Misconduct is Fabrication, Falsification, or Plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing Research, or in reporting Research results. Research Misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion.

Research Records. Research Records are the records of data or results that embody the facts resulting from scholarly inquiry, and include, but are not limited to, Research proposals, laboratory records, both physical and electronic, progress reports, abstracts, theses, oral presentations, internal reports, and journal articles.

Respondent. A Respondent is a person against whom an Allegation is made.

Retaliation. Retaliation is any action taken by UCSD or its employees that adversely affects the institutional status of a person who is employed by or affiliated with UCSD, including Researchers, clinicians, technicians, fellows, students, and independent contractors, which action is taken as a direct or indirect result of such person's making of an Allegation or cooperating in an Inquiry or Investigation, provided such person's conduct was not in Bad Faith.

RIO. See "Research Integrity Officer."

Whistleblower. See "Complainant."