Complainant
The complainant is an essential element in the effort to protect the integrity of research conducted at Washington University. Based on federal regulations, it is the responsibility of the Committee on Research Integrity (CRI), not the complainant, to ensure that the allegation is thoroughly and competently investigated to resolution. Therefore, once the allegation is made, the complainant assumes the role of a possible witness in any subsequent proceedings.

Washington University is committed to the ethical and objective conduct of research. Below are the rights and responsibilities of an individual who reports a potential act of research misconduct.

Rights
- Protection from retaliation for his/her activities related to the research misconduct proceedings
- Protection of your identity to the extent possible. If you self-disclose your identity/role, the University will no longer be obligated to maintain such confidentiality
- Given five (5) calendar days to correct factual errors on your interview transcripts and to provide additional information
- Notification regarding the conclusion of the proceedings

Responsibilities
- Make an allegation of research misconduct in good faith and provide all known information regarding the potential misconduct
- Demonstrate candor during all phases of the proceedings and cooperate fully with the Committee on Research Integrity (CRI), Research Integrity Office (RIO), Research Ethics and Compliance Office (RECO) and all other individuals or offices charged with investigating allegations, which includes providing all relevant evidence throughout the proceedings
- Do not act on your own and attempt to conduct an investigation or obtain evidence for which they do not have a right of access
- Avoid actions which are, or could be perceived as, retaliatory against any individual involved with the proceedings. Adverse actions towards individuals participating in this process are strictly prohibited
- Cooperate and do not interfere with the investigation, including but not limited to, influencing, coaching or intimidating any individual involved with the proceedings
- Maintain the confidentiality of the proceedings (for example, you should not discuss the allegations, your participation in the proceedings, or any requests for information related to the proceedings without approval from the RIO, RECO, Office of General Counsel (OGC), or the Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR))
- Serve as a witness during the proceedings, if needed

If you have any question, please feel free to contact:

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