Rights and Responsibilities of a Respondent in a Research Integrity Proceeding

Washington University is committed to the ethical and objective conduct of research. This document provides the rights and responsibilities of an individual accused of a potential act of research misconduct.

Responsibilities

- Demonstrate candor during all phases of the proceedings and cooperate fully with the CRI, RIO, RECO and all other individuals or offices charged with investigating allegations, which includes providing all relevant evidence throughout the investigation.
- Cooperate and do not interfere with the investigation, including but not limited to, influencing, coaching or intimidating witnesses.
- Maintain the confidentiality of the proceedings.
- 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.

Rights

- Receive a prompt, fair, objective, thorough and competent investigation.
- Receive notice of all allegations/issues throughout the research misconduct proceedings.
- Receive notice of the names of the Committee on Research Integrity (CRI) members and any ad hoc members and be provided an opportunity to voice concerns regarding any potential conflicts of interest.
- Invite an advisor, or counsel to be present with you at all proceedings.
- Review and respond within five (5) business days to correct factual errors on your interview transcripts and to provide additional information.
- Given five (5) business days to comment on the written draft of the RIIP/CRI Reports; Any and all comments submitted shall be made a part of the final Reports.
- Access to evidence on which the reports are based, as deemed appropriate.
- Confidential treatment to the extent possible.
- A diligent effort will be made, as appropriate, to restore the reputation of the respondent if the allegation is not confirmed.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact

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