Committee on Research Integrity

Research Integrity Proceeding
Rights and Responsibilities

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Washington University is committed to the ethical and objective conduct of research. This document provides the rights and responsibilities of an individual called to interview as part of a research integrity proceeding.

Rights

• Protection from retaliation for his/her activities related to the research misconduct proceedings
• Protection of his/her identity to the extent possible. If complainant/witness self-discloses his or her 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

• 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 you 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))

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

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