

**INSTITUTIONAL ASSURANCE
AND
ANNUAL REPORT ON
POSSIBLE RESEARCH MISCONDUCT**

Period Covered by this Report

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

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INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIAL'S NAME

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NAME OF INSTITUTION

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Section I. Administrative Policy

Each institution which receives or applies for a PHS research, research-training or research-related grant or cooperative agreement must have established an administrative policy for responding to allegations of research misconduct that complies with the PHS regulation (42 CFR Part 93) and certify that it will comply with that policy. This regulation does not cover regulated research under the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

- Has your institution established the administrative policy for responding to allegations of research misconduct required by the PHS regulation?
 Yes (Please attach your institutional policy and procedures with this form.) No

Section II. Types of Misconduct Activity Related to PHS Applications and Awards

A. **PLEASE CHECK THE BOX** (to the left) if your institution has **NOT** received any allegations or conducted any inquiries or investigations of allegations during the reporting period that (1) fall under the PHS definition of research misconduct and (2) involve receipt of or requests for PHS funding, then complete Section III. Otherwise, please complete Section II.

B. Please provide the requested information for each incident of alleged misconduct that involved a request for or receipt of PHS funds that fell within the PHS definition of research misconduct. Please note that, in accordance with section 93.310(b), all investigations are to be reported to the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) before or immediately upon commencement of the investigation.

PLEASE NOTE: For each incident of alleged research misconduct resulting in an allegation, inquiry, and/or investigation at your institution: (1) provide the ORI case number, if assigned; (2) check the type of activity (allegation, inquiry, and/or investigation -- may include more than one activity type for each reported incident); and (3) check the type of misconduct involved with each activity (may include more than one type of misconduct). Attach a separate sheet if additional space or clarification is required.

Do **NOT** include any alleged fiscal misconduct, human or animal subject abuses, conflicts of interest, or violations of FDA regulated research. If there is a research misconduct case involving foreign influence please notify the NIH funding official.

1. Activity continued into 2020:

Your Institution's Unique Case Identifier: (if applicable)	Incident Number	ORI Case Number, if assigned:	Type of Activity	Type of Misconduct:			Agency Name (e.g. NSF, DOD, VA, etc)	Misconduct activity in conjunction with another federal agency (if applicable)
				Fabrication	Falsification	Plagiarism		Agency's Unique Case Identifier
_____	1.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	2.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	3.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

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Section II. (Continued)

B. (Continued)

2. **Activity begun in 2020:**

Your Institution's Unique Case Identifier: (if applicable)	Incident Number	ORI Case Number, if assigned:	Type of Activity	Type of			Agency Name (e.g. NSF, DOD, VA, etc)	Agency's Unique Case Identifier
				Misconduct: Fabrication	Misconduct: Falsification	Misconduct: Plagiarism		
_____	1.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Allegation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	2.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Allegation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____	3.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Allegation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

Section III: Who at your institution administers the written policies and procedures for addressing allegations of research misconduct that meet the requirements of this part (42 CFR 93.300)? At some institutions this person is known as the Research Integrity Officer (RIO).

PREFIX:	NAME OF RESEARCH INTEGRITY OFFICER (RIO):	SUFFIX:
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TELEPHONE NUMBER: () -	FAX NUMBER: () -
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Section IV: Who is responsible for assuring that your institution fosters a research environment that promotes the responsible conduct of research and discourages research misconduct (93.300 (c))? At some institutions this is the person with overall responsibility for administering the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) program.

PREFIX:	NAME OF RCR COORDINATOR:	SUFFIX:
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TELEPHONE NUMBER: () -	FAX NUMBER: () -
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E-MAIL ADDRESS OF RCR COORDINATOR:

Section V. Certification

Official Certifying for Institution:

PREFIX:	NAME OF OFFICIAL	SUFFIX:	TITLE
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