

Rule No. 15.99.03.T1 Ethics in Research and Scholarship



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Rule Statement

All members of the university community, including students, staff, faculty, and administrators share the responsibility for developing and maintaining ethical standards of research and scholarship and detecting abuse of these standards. The credibility of academic research and scholarship depends critically on the integrity with which it is designed, conducted, documented, and communicated.

Reason for Rule

Tarleton State University requires all members of the university community to adhere to superior standards in the conduct of all research and scholarship activities. This rule addresses allegations of misconduct in research and scholarship at Tarleton State University and applies to both non-funded and funded research, regardless of the funding source.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

Any allegations of misconduct in university research, scholarship and creative activities should be reported in writing to the Associate Vice President for Research and Grants (AVPRG). The AVPRG is the designated officer who is responsible for carrying out the provisions of this rule and System Regulation *15.99.03, Ethics in Research and Scholarship*.

2. INVESTIGATIONS

When written allegations of misconduct in research or scholarship are presented to the AVPRG, they may initiate an inquiry into the alleged misconduct if the allegation is sufficiently credible and specific to justify an inquiry.

- 2.1 The inquiry is an informal fact finding effort to determine whether an allegation warrants an investigation. The inquiry will be conducted by the AVPRG or a committee appointed by the AVPRG.

- 2.2 If the inquiry provides sufficient basis for conducting an investigation, one shall be conducted following the guidelines of System Regulation 15.99.03. The investigation is a formal examination of relevant facts to determine if misconduct has occurred and will be conducted by a committee appointed by the AVPRG.
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Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Regulation [15.99.03, *Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work*](#)

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