

# OU RESEARCHERS

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

### MISCONDUCT IS NOT LIMITED TO PUBLISHED RESEARCH

Research misconduct is fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism<sup>1</sup> and can occur in publications, presentations, posters, and grant applications – whether they are funded or unfunded.

### RESEARCH MISCONDUCT AFFECTS EVERYONE

Tainted research can have negative implications on individuals in the lab, the larger research community, and in the public's trust in science.

### WHO TO CONTACT ON THE OU NORMAN CAMPUS?

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### ANYONE CAN REPORT MISCONDUCT

Scientists are obligated to point out errors regardless of their position in the lab. The research community depends on you to report misconduct.

### OU NORMAN HAS POLICIES TO PROTECT ALL INVOLVED

Every institution has a requirement to take all reasonable and practical steps to protect the reputation of those who report research misconduct and anyone falsely accused.

### YOU CAN REPORT RESEARCH MISCONDUCT ANONYMOUSLY

#### OU Report it!

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### RESEARCH MISCONDUCT CASES NATIONALLY<sup>3</sup>

12% REPORTED BY GRAD STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS

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<sup>1</sup>For the full definition of research misconduct, see 42 C.F.R. § 93.103.

<sup>2</sup>RIOs may have other titles, such as Chief Compliance Officer, Director of Compliance, Vice President/Dean of Research, or Director of Integrity.

<sup>3</sup>Statistics based on closed ORI case findings from 2011–2015. Trainees are students and postdoctoral fellows.



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