# 15.99.03.H1 Ethics in Research, Scholarship and Creative Work

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### **Rule Statement**

The credibility of academic research, scholarship and creative work depends on the integrity with which it is designed, conducted, documented, and communicated. 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.

### **Reason for Rule**

This rule complies with <u>System Regulation 15.99.03</u>, <u>Ethics in Research</u>, <u>Scholarship</u>, <u>and</u> <u>Creative Work</u> and addresses allegations of misconduct in research, scholarship, and creative activity at Texas A&M University-Texarkana and applies to both non-sponsored and sponsored activities, regardless of the funding source.

## **Procedures and Responsibilities**

#### 1. ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

Any allegations of misconduct in research, scholarship, and creative work activities should be reported in writing to the Research Compliance Officer as the designated officer who is responsible for carrying out the provisions of this rule and <u>System Regulation 15.99.03</u>, *Ethics in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work*.

#### 2. INQUIRY / INVESTIGATION

When allegations of misconduct in research, scholarship, and/or creative work are reported in writing to the Research Compliance Officer, he or she may initiate an inquiry into the alleged misconduct.

2.1 The inquiry is an informal fact finding activity to determine whether an allegation warrants an investigation. The inquiry will be conducted by the Research Compliance Officer with or without the assistance of a committee (appointed by the Research Compliance Officer) following the guidelines specified in System Regulation 15.99.03. *Ethics in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work*.

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2.2 If the inquiry provides sufficient basis for conducting an investigation, one will be conducted following the guidelines specified in <u>System Regulation 15.99.03</u>, <u>Ethics in Research. Scholarship, and Creative Work</u>. 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 President or designee.

#### **Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

System Regulation 15.99.03. Ethics in Research. Scholarship, and Creative Work

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