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## **Rule Statement**

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Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) strives to maintain superior standards in all research, scholarship, and creative work activities and expects all employees and other persons participating in projects and/or support activities on behalf of TAMUK to do likewise.

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## **Reason for Rule**

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This rule is required by System Regulation *15.99.03, Ethics in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work*, for handling allegations of scientific misconduct consistent with the terms of the System Regulation.

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## **Procedures and Responsibilities**

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### **1. ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT**

Any allegations of misconduct in research, scholarship, or creative work activities conducted on behalf of TAMUK should be reported to the Office of Academic Affairs. The Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs is the "Designated Officer" for carrying out the requirements of this Rule and System Regulation *15.99.03*.

### **2. INQUIRY AND INVESTIGATIONS**

2.1. The inquiry based upon a written complaint sufficiently credible and specific may be initiated by the Designated Officer or a committee appointed by the Designated Officer. The inquiry is an assessment of whether the allegation has substance and if the allegation warrants an investigation

2.2. If an inquiry provides sufficient basis for conducting an investigation, one shall be conducted following the guidelines of System Regulation *15.99.03*. An investigation will be conducted by a committee appointed by the Designated Officer. The investigation is a

formal examination of relevant facts and evidence to determine if misconduct has occurred.

### 3. ADJUDICATION

The investigation committee's report of findings and recommended sanctions along with the respondent's comments, if any, will be forwarded to the president or designee for adjudication in accordance with System Regulation *15.99.03*.

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

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

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## **Contact Office**

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