Research Misconduct Policy

Summary/Purpose: To protect the integrity of the research enterprise and to sustain the public trust in researchers and the products of research by adhering to the University of Mississippi Interim Policy for Responding to the Allegations of Research Misconduct.

The following practices are defined as research misconduct in the University of Mississippi Interim Policy for Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct:

- fabrication (making up data or results and recording or reporting them);
- falsification (manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record);
- plagiarism (the appropriation of another person’s ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit);
- failure to report known or suspected acts of misconduct on the part of others;
- violation of any criminal or civil law in obtaining, analyzing or reporting data;
- applying for federal funding while under federal suspension or debarment, or knowingly utilizing as a Co-Principal Investigator, technician, consultant, or subcontractor a person who is suspended or debarred;
- failure to maintain a record of primary data, with the intent to deceive;
- abuse of confidentiality when gathering or reporting data;
- use of honorary authorships without the person’s consent and/or with the intent to deceive;
- making a demand to be listed as an author on a researcher’s publication, without being involved with the research in question, solely because the person making the demand is in a position of authority over the author.

Refer to the University of Mississippi Interim Policy for Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct for complete details.