POLICY STATEMENT (R*)
It is the policy of the University that each faculty, staff and student maintain high ethical standards in the conduct and reporting of his/her research. Allegations of research misconduct are to be reported to, and shall be investigated and, if the allegations are substantiated, sanctioned by, the University as set forth in this policy. This policy applies to students and all individuals who are employed by or are agents of, the University, or who are affiliated with the University by contract or agreement and who are engaged in any University research project whether or not the research is supported by external funding.

REASON FOR POLICY (O*)
The University bears the primary responsibility for prevention and detection of research misconduct and for the inquiry, investigation, and adjudication of alleged research misconduct. The University must take action necessary to ensure the integrity of research, the rights and interests of research subjects and the public, the protection of sponsor funds from misuse by ensuring the integrity of the research work, the observance of legal requirements or responsibilities and to provide appropriate safeguards for subjects of allegations, as well as complainants.

This policy sets forth procedures for addressing allegations of research misconduct in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and in a manner which is thorough, competent, objective and fair. This policy seeks to:

(a) foster a research environment that promotes the responsible conduct of research, research training, and activities related to that research or research training, discourages research misconduct, and deals promptly with allegations or evidence of possible research misconduct.
(b) set forth reasonable and practical steps to protect the positions and reputations of good faith complainants, witnesses and committee members and protect them from retaliation by respondents and other University members;
(c) Provide confidentiality to the extent required by applicable laws and regulations to all respondents, complainants, and research subjects identifiable from Research Records or evidence;
(d) Take reasonable and practical steps to ensure the cooperation of respondents and other University members with research misconduct proceedings, including, but not limited to, their providing information, Research Records, and evidence;
(e) Set forth the manner in which the University will cooperate with federal agencies during any research misconduct proceeding or compliance review;
(f) Assist in administering and enforcing any federal agency administrative actions imposed on the University

RELATED INFORMATION (O*)
42 CFR Part 93 Public Health Service, “Public health service policies on research misconduct.”
45 CFR Part 689 National Science Foundation, “Research Misconduct.”
Office of Research Integrity, Office of Science and Technology Policy responses to questions regarding the Federal Research Misconduct policy found at
"Section II: Findings of Research Misconduct"

Issue: Several comments stressed the need for greater precision in the phrase “significant departure from accepted practices of the scientific community.”

Response: This phrase is intended to make it clear that behavior alleged to involve research misconduct should be assessed in the context of community practices, meaning practices that are generally understood by the community but that may not be in a written form. For clarification purposes and in order to be more comprehensive, the term “scientific community” has been modified to read “relevant research community.” The policy is not intended to ratify those “accepted practices” but rather to indicate that these may vary among “different communities.”

Office of Economic Development and Commercialization policy #2370.005 – Conflict of Interest in Research.

University-Wide Governance and Guidance policy #140.110 – Fraud Prevention and Mitigation/University Responsibility and Response.

DEFINITIONS (R*)

- **Allegation** - a disclosure of possible research misconduct through any means of communication. The disclosure may be by written or verbal statement or other communication.

- **Complainant** - a person who in good faith makes an allegation of research misconduct.

- **Conflict of interest** - when a person’s professional judgment or adherence to widely recognized professional norms may be, or may appear to be, compromised by the person’s or a Related Person’s interests, commitments, obligations or loyalties outside the University. A conflict of interest may exist by virtue of financial or other personal considerations that have the potential to compromise or bias professional judgment and objectivity. Conflict of interest includes, but is not limited to, the provisions of federal regulations which provide that a conflict of interest exists if an individual has a significant financial interest that could affect the design, conduct or reporting of the research or educational activities funded or proposed for funding.

- **Days** – refers to business days unless otherwise stated.

- **Evidence** - any document, tangible item, or testimony offered or obtained during a research misconduct proceeding that tends to prove or disprove the existence of an alleged fact.

- **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.

- **Good faith** –
  - as applied to a Complainant or witness, means having a belief in the truth of one's allegation or testimony that a reasonable person in the complainant's or witness's position could have based on the information known to the complainant or witness at the time. An allegation or cooperation with a research misconduct proceeding is not in good faith if made with knowing or reckless disregard for information that would negate the allegation or witness’s testimony.
  - as applied to a committee member, means cooperating with the research misconduct proceeding by carrying out the duties assigned impartially for the purpose of helping an institution meet its
responsibilities under this part. A committee member does not act in good faith if his/her acts or
omissions on the committee are dishonest or influenced by personal, professional, or financial
conflicts of interest with those involved in the research misconduct proceeding.

- **Inquiry** - Preliminary information-gathering and preliminary fact-finding.

- **Investigation** - The formal development of a factual record and the examination of that record
leading to a decision not to make a finding of research misconduct or to a recommendation for a
finding of research misconduct which may include a recommendation for other appropriate actions.

- **Notice** - A written communication served in person, sent by mail or its equivalent to the last known
street address, facsimile number or e-mail address of the addressee.

- **Plagiarism** - The appropriation of another person’s ideas, processes, results, or words without giving
appropriate credit.

- **Preponderance of the evidence** – proof by information that, compared with that opposing it, leads to
the conclusion that the fact at issue is more probably true than not.

- **Records of research misconduct proceedings** – The records that the University secures for research
misconduct proceeding pursuant to applicable federal regulations, except to the extent the institution
subsequently determines and documents that those records are not relevant to the proceeding or that
the records duplicate other records that are being retained. These documents include the inquiry
report and final documents (not drafts) produced in the course of preparing that report, including the
documentation of any decision not to investigate; the investigation report and all records (other than
drafts of the report) in support of that report, including the recordings or transcriptions of each
interview conducted and the complete record of any institutional appeal.

- **Related Persons** - for purposes of this policy, means the employee, the employee’s spouse and
dependent children.

- **Research misconduct** – Fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or
reviewing research, or in reporting research results. Research misconduct does not include honest
error or differences of opinion.

- **Research** – All basic research (systematic experiment, study, evaluation, demonstration or survey
designed to develop or contribute to general knowledge), applied research (specific knowledge) and
demonstration research in all fields of science, engineering, and mathematics. This includes but is
not limited to research in economics, education, linguistics, medicine, psychology, social sciences,
statistics, and research involving human subjects or animals regardless of the funding mechanism
used to support it.

- **Research Records** - The record of data or results that embody the facts resulting from scientific
inquiry, including but not limited to, research proposals, data, notes, journals, laboratory records,
both physical and electronic, progress reports, abstracts, theses, oral presentations, internal reports,
journal articles, and any documents and materials provided to a University official by a respondent
in the course of the research misconduct proceeding.

- **Respondent** - The person against whom an allegation of research misconduct is directed or who is
the subject of a research misconduct proceeding.

- **Retaliation** - An adverse action taken against a complainant, witness, or committee member by the
University or one of its employees or representatives in response to - (a) a good faith allegation of
research misconduct; or (b) good faith cooperation with a research misconduct proceeding.

- **Significant Financial Interests** - anything of monetary value, including, but not limited to, salary or
other payments for services (e.g., consulting fees or honoraria); equity interest (e.g., stocks, stock
options or other ownership interests); and intellectual property rights (e.g., patents, copyrights and royalties from such rights). However, the term does not include:

1. salary, royalties or other remuneration from the University;
2. income from seminars, lectures, or teaching engagements sponsored by public or non-profit entities;
3. income from service on advisory committees or review panels for public or nonprofit entities;
4. an equity interest that, when aggregated for the investigator and the investigator’s spouse and dependent children, meets both of the following tests: does not exceed $10,000 in value as determined through reference to public prices or other reasonable measures of fair market value, and does not represent more than a 5% ownership interest in any single entity; or
5. salary, royalties or other payments that, when aggregated for the investigator and the investigator’s spouse and dependent children, are not expected to exceed $10,000 during the twelve month period.

- University is Florida International University.
- VPR is the Vice President for Research.

**PROCEDURES (O*)**

I. **Research Misconduct Finding**

A finding of research misconduct requires that with respect to the research misconduct alleged (i.e., the fabrication, falsification or plagiarism): a) there is a significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community (i.e., the behavior is to be viewed in the context of community research practices); b) the misconduct be committed intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly; and c) the allegation be proven by a preponderance of the evidence. Any allegation of misconduct must be resolved promptly and equitably using procedures that safeguard the rights of all administrators, faculty, staff, and students and other concerned parties. The University has the responsibility of conducting all inquiry and investigations in a manner that will ensure fair treatment and confidentiality of the Respondent, the Complainant and others involved in the process.

Findings pursuant to this policy must be made using the following evidentiary standards:

(a) Standard of proof. The University finding of research misconduct must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence.

(b) Burden of proof. The University has the burden of proof for making a finding of research misconduct. The destruction, absence of, or Respondent's failure to provide Research Records adequately documenting the questioned research is evidence of research misconduct where the University establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that the Respondent intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly had Research Records and destroyed them, had the opportunity to maintain the records but did not do so, or maintained the records and failed to produce them in a timely manner and that the Respondent's conduct constitutes a significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community.

(c) The Respondent has the burden of going forward with and the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, any and all affirmative defenses he/she raises. In determining whether the University has carried the burden of proof imposed by this part, the finder of fact shall give due consideration to admissible, credible evidence of honest error or difference of opinion presented by the Respondent.

(d) The Respondent has the burden of going forward with and proving by a preponderance of the evidence any mitigating factors that are relevant to a decision to impose administrative actions following a research misconduct proceeding.
II. The Allegation

A. Reporting Allegation of Research Misconduct

Allegations of research misconduct must be made directly to the Vice President for Research (VPR) or via the University’s Compliance Hotline called the Ethical Panther Line provided by Convercent. You may access the Ethical Panther Line at [http://www.convercent.com/report/](http://www.convercent.com/report/) or by calling 1-844-312-5358 (24 hours a day, 365 days a year). Reporting concerns of research misconduct in good faith is a service to the University and to the larger academic community, and will not jeopardize anyone’s employment. An allegation of research misconduct may be made orally or in writing. If an individual is unsure whether a suspected incident falls within the definition of research misconduct, he or she may meet with or contact the VPR to discuss the suspected research misconduct informally, which may include discussing it anonymously and/or hypothetically. The individual may also report the suspected incident via the Ethical Panther Line.

B. VPR Review of Research Misconduct Allegation; When Inquiry is Warranted

Within 10 days of receipt of the allegation of research misconduct, the VPR shall determine if an inquiry is warranted. An inquiry is warranted if the allegation falls within the definition of research misconduct and is sufficiently credible and specific so that potential evidence of research misconduct may be identified.

If the VPR determines that an inquiry is not warranted, the VPR may refer the individual making the allegation to other University offices or officials, as appropriate, with responsibility for resolving the problem raised. The VPR shall document, in writing, his/her decision not to conduct an inquiry.

If the VPR determines that an inquiry is warranted, the VPR shall document the allegation of research misconduct in writing and shall notify the Provost by forwarding a copy of the same, along with a copy of the Complainant’s written allegation, if there was one. The formal research misconduct allegation shall include:

- Name of Respondent(s)
- Name of Complainant(s), if available
- Name of any potential witness(es) of which the Complainant is aware
- Description of alleged misconduct
- When alleged misconduct occurred
- Where alleged misconduct occurred
- Any supporting documentation
- Grant number or title (if applicable)
- Funding source (if applicable)
- Statement that an inquiry into the allegation shall be commenced pursuant to this policy.

III. The Inquiry

A. Purpose of Inquiry

The purpose of an inquiry is to conduct an initial review of the evidence to determine whether an investigation is warranted. An inquiry does not require a full review of all the evidence related to the allegation.

B. Appointment of Inquiry Committee
The VPR will appoint an inquiry committee and committee chair within 10 days of the formal written allegation of research misconduct prepared by the VPR pursuant to section II.B above. The inquiry committee shall consist of at least 3 individuals who have sufficient expertise to evaluate the allegations and conduct the inquiry.

C. Notice to Respondent of Commencement of Inquiry

At the time of, or before beginning an inquiry, the VPR shall make a good faith effort to notify the Respondent in writing of the allegation and that an inquiry will be conducted. Within 10 days of the appointment of the inquiry committee, the VPR will notify the Respondent in writing of the proposed membership of the inquiry committee. If the Respondent objects to the proposed membership, the Respondent must submit a written objection to the VPR within 5 days of the date of the VPR’s notice to the Respondent of the composition of the committee. The VPR will then determine whether to replace the challenged member(s) of the inquiry committee.

If the inquiry subsequently identifies additional respondents, the VPR shall notify them and provide the same notifications and rights to the additional respondents as to the original Respondent described above.

D. Inquiry Committee First Meeting

The VPR shall convene the first meeting of the inquiry committee no later than fifteen (15) days from the appointment of the inquiry committee. At the inquiry committee's first meeting, the VPR will give a copy to the inquiry committee of the formal written allegation given to the Provost. The VPR will review with the inquiry committee the allegations and the appropriate procedures as stated in this policy, assist the committee with organizing plans for the inquiry, and answer any questions raised by the committee for conducting the inquiry.

E. Inquiry Process and Draft Inquiry Report

The inquiry committee will interview the Respondent, Complainant, and key witnesses and prepare a summary of those interviews. They will examine relevant Research Records and evaluate the evidence and testimony obtained during the inquiry. The inquiry committee will then consult with the VPR and other University officials to determine whether there is sufficient evidence of misconduct to recommend further investigation. The inquiry committee shall prepare a draft inquiry report in the format of the final inquiry report described below and provide a copy of that draft report to the Respondent and the Complainant for comment. The Complainant and Respondent shall have 10 days from the receipt of the draft report to respond to the inquiry committee with any comments on the draft inquiry report.

F. Final Inquiry Report

The inquiry committee shall prepare the final inquiry report which shall include:

i. The name and position of the Respondent;

ii. A description of the allegations of research misconduct;

iii. Information regarding externally sponsored research project, including, for example, grant numbers, grant applications, contracts, and publications;

iv. The basis for recommending or not recommending that the alleged actions warrant an investigation. An investigation is warranted if there is--(1) A reasonable basis for concluding that the allegation falls within the definition of research misconduct under this policy; and (2) Preliminary information-gathering and preliminary fact-finding from the inquiry indicates that
the allegation may have substance.
v. Comments received from the Respondent and/or the Complainant in response to the draft report.
If no comments were received, a statement that a copy of the draft inquiry report was provided to the Respondent and the Complainant and that either or both did not provide any comments to the inquiry committee in response to that draft report.
vi. Sufficient detail to permit a later assessment of the determination of whether or not a full investigation is warranted.
vii. A description of the information reviewed.
viii. A list of the interviews conducted.
ix. Statements of conclusions reached and the findings and facts supporting them.
x. A recommendation to the VPR whether an investigation is warranted.

G. Notice of Results of the Inquiry

The VPR shall notify the Respondent whether the inquiry found that an investigation is warranted. The notice shall include a copy of the final inquiry report and include a copy of or refer to this part and the policy.

H. Time Limit for the Inquiry

The VPR will make the determination of whether findings from the inquiry provide sufficient evidence of possible research misconduct to justify conducting an investigation. The inquiry is completed once the VPR makes this determination. The inquiry must be completed within 60 calendar days of the initiation of the inquiry, which shall be deemed to be the date of the first meeting of the inquiry committee, unless circumstances clearly warrant a longer period. If the inquiry requires longer than 60 calendar days to complete, the inquiry record must include documentation of the reasons for exceeding the 60 calendar day period.

IV. The Investigation

A. Purpose of Investigation

The purpose of an investigation is to examine in-depth the evidence presented and determine whether research misconduct has occurred, by whom, and to what extent and the consequences to be imposed for such misconduct. The investigation shall be commenced within 30 days after the VPR determines that an investigation is warranted after the inquiry.

B. Appointment of Investigation Committee

The Investigation Committee, appointed by the VPR, should be constituted within 10 days after the Respondent has been notified that an investigation is planned. The committee should consist of at least 3 individuals, who have sufficient expertise to evaluate the evidence related to the allegations. The VPR should notify the Respondent of the proposed committee within 5 days. If the Respondent objects to any of the proposed committee members; the Respondent must submit a written objection to the VPR, who will determine whether to replace the challenged member.

C. Notice to Respondent of Commencement of Investigation

The VPR shall notify the Respondent in writing of the allegations within a reasonable amount of time
after determining that an investigation is warranted, but before the investigation begins. The VPR shall give the Respondent written notice of any new allegations of research misconduct within a reasonable amount of time of deciding to pursue allegations not addressed during the inquiry or in the initial notice of investigation.

D. Investigation Committee First Meeting

The VPR shall convene the first meeting of the Investigation Committee no later than 30 days after completion of the inquiry. At the first meeting, the VPR shall provide the Investigation Committee with the allegation of research misconduct and a copy of the final inquiry report. The VPR will review with the committee the appropriate procedures as stated in this policy, assist the committee with organizing plans for the investigation and answer any questions raised by the committee for conducting the investigation.

E. Investigation Process and Draft Investigation Report

The investigation process includes examination of all documents, including but not necessarily limited to, Research Records, computer files, proposals, manuscripts, publications, correspondence, memoranda and notes of telephone calls. The Investigation Committee shall interview each Respondent, Complainant, and any other available person who has been reasonably identified as having information regarding any relevant aspects of the investigation, including witnesses identified by the Respondent, and record or transcribe each interview, provide the recording or transcript to the interviewee for correction, and include the recording or transcript in the record of the investigation. The Investigation Committee shall pursue diligently all significant issues and leads discovered that are determined relevant to the investigation, including any evidence of additional instances of possible research misconduct, and continue the investigation to completion. All significant issues should be pursued until the Investigation Committee is reasonably certain that the necessary and available information has been amassed.

The Investigation Committee shall prepare a draft investigation report in the format of the final investigation report described below. The VPR shall give the Respondent a copy of the draft investigation report and, concurrently, a copy of, or supervised access to, the evidence on which the report is based. The comments of the Respondent on the draft report, if any, must be submitted in writing to the Investigation Committee within 30 days of the date on which the Respondent received the draft investigation report. The Investigation Committee shall consider and address the Respondent’s comments before issuing the final report. If there is more than one Respondent, and the Respondents’ involvement differs, separate draft reports shall be prepared for the respondents, in order to preserve confidentiality.

F. Final Investigation Report

The Investigation Committee shall prepare the final investigation report which shall include:

(a) Description of the nature of the allegations of research misconduct.
(b) Description and documentation of the sponsor support for the project, including, for example, any grant numbers, grant applications, contracts, and publications.
(c) Description of the specific allegations of research misconduct for consideration in the investigation.
(d) The policies and procedures under which the investigation was conducted.
(e) Identification and summary of the Research Records and evidence reviewed, and identification of any evidence taken into custody but not reviewed.
(f) For each separate allegation of research misconduct identified during the investigation, provide a finding as to whether research misconduct did or did not occur. A finding of research misconduct requires that with respect to the research misconduct alleged (i.e., the fabrication, falsification or plagiarism): (1) there is a significant departure
from accepted practices of the relevant research community (i.e., the behavior is to be viewed in the context of community research practices); and (2) the research misconduct was committed intentionally, or knowingly, or recklessly; and (3) the allegation is proven by a preponderance of evidence. For each separate finding of research misconduct include the following:

(i) Identify whether the research misconduct was falsification, fabrication, or plagiarism, and if it was intentional, knowing, or in reckless disregard;
(ii) Summarize the facts and the analysis which support the conclusion and consider the merits of any reasonable explanation by the Respondent;
(iii) Identify the specific sponsor support;
(iv) Identify whether any publications need correction or retraction;
(v) Identify the person(s) responsible for the misconduct; and
(vi) List any current support or known applications or proposals for support that the Respondent has pending.

(g) Include and consider any comments made by the Respondent and Complainant on the draft investigation report. If no comments were received, a statement that a copy of the draft inquiry report was provided to the Respondent and the Complainant and that either or both did not provide any comments to the inquiry committee in response to that draft report.

The Investigation Committee shall transmit the final investigation report with attachments, including the Respondent's and Complainant's comments, to the VPR.

G. University Review and Decision

The VPR will make the final determination whether to accept the investigation report. The VPR will consult with the Provost regarding appropriate actions. Once a final decision on the case has been reached, the VPR has the obligation of notifying the Respondent and Complainant in writing.

H. Time Limit for Investigation

An investigation must be completed within 120 days of beginning it, including conducting the investigation, preparing the report of findings, providing the draft report for comment in accordance with this policy, and preparing the final report.

V. University Interim and Administrative Action and Notification to Sponsoring Agencies

A. Interim Administrative Action

University officials will take interim administrative actions, as appropriate, to protect public health or safety, Federal funds and equipment, the integrity of the federally supported research process and ensure that the purposes of the Federal financial assistance are carried out.

The type of action depends on the seriousness of the misconduct, the impact of the misconduct, and whether the misconduct demonstrates a pattern of behavior.

B. Notification to Sponsoring Agency

If an allegation of research misconduct relates to a sponsored research project, the VPR shall provide notifications to the sponsoring agency as required by the sponsor’s regulations, guidelines and/or the sponsor award document for the project.

VI. Confidentiality

Disclosure of the identity of Respondents and Complainants in research misconduct proceedings and of any records or evidence related thereto shall be limited, to the extent possible, to those who need to
know, consistent with a thorough, competent, objective and fair research misconduct proceeding, and as allowed by law. Although reasonable efforts to maintain confidentiality will be made, anonymity cannot be guaranteed. As pertains to public records requests under Florida law, while an investigation into research misconduct is ongoing, records regarding the investigation, whether at the allegation, inquiry or investigation stage, are exempt from disclosure as public records. However, once the investigation is concluded, the records are public and generally would be subject to disclosure pursuant to a Florida public records request unless the records requested are otherwise exempt from disclosure pursuant to Florida law.

VII. Other Considerations

- **Termination of Institutional Employment or Resignation Prior to Completing Inquiry or Investigation:** In accordance with federal regulations, termination of the Respondent's University employment, by resignation or otherwise, before or after an allegation of possible research misconduct has been reported, will not preclude or terminate the misconduct procedures.

- **Restoration of Reputation:** The University shall undertake reasonable and practical efforts, if requested and as appropriate, to protect or restore the reputation of persons alleged to have engaged in research misconduct but against whom no finding of research misconduct is made, and of any Complainant, witness, or committee member and to counter potential or actual retaliation against these Complainants, witnesses, and committee members. Accordingly, if misconduct is not found, the VPR must consult with the Respondent, Complainant, witness or committee member, as applicable, and find alternatives to restore the affected person’s reputation. Any University actions to restore the person’s reputation must be done in consultation with the Provost and shall be determined by the Provost in consultation with the VPR.

- **University Employees not Acting in Good Faith, Including Allegations Not Made in Good Faith:** Any University employee engaging in research misconduct proceedings in a manner other than in good faith, including but not limited to, making an allegation of research misconduct not in good faith or participating as a witness or committee member not in good faith, may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with applicable University regulations and policies.

VIII. Conflict of Interest

Individuals responsible for carrying out any part of the research misconduct proceedings, whether at the inquiry or investigation stage, may not have any undisclosed or unresolved personal, professional, or financial conflicts of interest with the University, Complainant, Respondent, any witnesses or the project sponsor, if any. Any such potential conflict of interest must be disclosed pursuant to the Conflict of Interest in Research policy and resolved or managed prior to involvement of the affected University employee in the research misconduct proceedings. If the conflict of interest is such that it cannot be resolved or managed, then the affected University employee may not take part in the research misconduct proceedings.

IX. Record Compilation and Retention

If the VPR determines that an inquiry shall be undertaken, the VPR shall, on or before the date on which the Respondent is notified of the allegation or at the time that the inquiry begins, whichever is earlier, promptly take all reasonable and practical steps to obtain custody of all the Research Records and evidence needed to conduct the research misconduct proceeding. The VPR shall inventory the records and evidence, and sequester them in a secure manner. The VPR shall undertake all reasonable and
practical efforts to take custody of additional Research Records or evidence that is/are discovered during the course of the research misconduct proceeding. Research Records involving raw data shall include the devices or instruments on which they reside. However, if deemed appropriate by the VPR, research data or records that reside on or in instruments or devices may be copied and removed from those instruments or devices as long as the copies are complete, accurate, and have substantially equivalent evidentiary value as the data or records have when the data or records reside on the instruments or devices. Such copies of data or records shall be made by a disinterested, qualified technician and not by the subject of the original allegation or other interested parties. When the relevant data or records have been removed from the devices or instruments, the instruments or devices need not be maintained as evidence.

The VPR shall maintain the Research Records and evidence of research misconduct proceedings in a secure manner for 7 years after completion of the research misconduct proceeding.

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