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Research Misconduct
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What is Research Misconduct?

Research misconduct means fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results.

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Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion.

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From ORI Newsletter, Vol 3, No. 1, December 1994
“ORI generally does not pursue the limited use of identical or nearly-identical phrases which describe a commonly-used methodology or previous research because ORI does not consider such use as substantially misleading to the reader or of great significance.”

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authorship disputes ≠ plagiarism
credit disputes ≠ plagiarism
Is Self-Plagiarism Research Misconduct?

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Is Self-Plagiarism Research Misconduct?

“Plagiarism is the appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit.”

-- 42 CFR Part 93.103(c)
Sec. 93.319 Institutional standards.

a) Institutions may have internal standards of conduct different from the HHS standards for research misconduct under this part. Therefore, an institution may find conduct to be actionable under its standards even if the action does not meet this part's definition of research misconduct.

b) An HHS finding or settlement does not affect institutional findings or administrative actions based on an institution's internal standards of conduct.
Fabrication/Falsification of Images

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“One of the most important educational products ORI has to offer”

--Loc Nguyen-Khoa

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CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

RIO Boot Camps
RCR Instruction Workshop
Conference for Senior Officials
World Conference on Research Integrity
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Trends

1. More involvement and support from senior officials
2. Evolution of RCR
3. RCR training will no longer be a compliance checkbox
4. Research community will take the lead

Culture Change
Conclusion

• ORI functions best when it collaborates with the research community
• ORI handles fabrication, falsification, AND plagiarism
  • Authorship Disputes ≠ Plagiarism
  • Self-Plagiarism ≠ Research Misconduct
• ORI invests considerable resources to providing services to the research community to promote research integrity
• ORI is privileged to be part of a positive culture change
Thank You

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