

Research Misconduct and Other Policies Relating to Research

Applies to: All Employees

Policy Statement:

Overview

Employees involved in research projects should familiarize themselves with the various legal requirements and College policies pertaining to research. These include the policies concerning conflict of interest, intellectual property ownership, research involving human subjects and animals, data retention, research misconduct, and other matters. Some of these subjects are discussed in more detail elsewhere in this manual. All of these policies may be found on the Office of Sponsored Projects web site: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~osp/resources/policies/>

Research Misconduct

Since the 1980s, government regulations have required institutions receiving federal research funds to adopt procedures for dealing with research misconduct. The Dartmouth College Research Misconduct Policy and Procedures (“Policy”) apply to all research activities conducted under the auspices of the College, whether or not they are externally funded. The Policy applies to any individual paid by, holding an appointment from, or affiliated with the College, such as faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, trainees, staff members, graduate students and undergraduate students. In cases involving allegations against undergraduates, however, the usual conduct procedures administered by the Dean of the College (set forth in the Student Handbook) are followed in lieu of the procedures established by the Policy.

Research misconduct is generally defined under the Policy as fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results. It does not, however, include honest error or differences of opinion. The Policy also sets forth procedures for investigating allegations, provisions for protecting the rights of persons involved in the case, possible penalties, and requirements for notifying the government. The Policy is posted on the Office of Sponsored Projects web site at

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~osp/resources/policies/dartmouth/MisconductPolicy.html>. Copies are also available from the Office of Sponsored Projects or the Office of the General Counsel.

Definitions or Regulations:

Dartmouth College Research Misconduct Policy and Procedures

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~osp/resources/policies/dartmouth/MisconductPolicy.html>

Other policies relating to research:

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~osp/resources/policies/>