

## **ETHICS IN RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

*University Rule 15.99.03.C1 - Approved September 30, 2002*

*Supplements System Regulation 15.99.03*

### **1. OVERVIEW**

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi strives to maintain superior standards in all research and scholarship activities. The university expects all employees and other persons participating in university research projects and/or support activities to do likewise.

### **2. ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT**

Any allegations of misconduct in university research or scholarship activities should be reported in writing to the Associate Vice President for Research and Scholarly Activity. The Associate Vice President for Research and Scholarly Activity is the designated officer who is responsible for carrying out the requirements of this rule and of System Regulation 15.99.03.

### **3. INVESTIGATIONS**

When written allegations of misconduct in research or scholarship are presented to the Associate Vice President for Research and Scholarly Activity, he or she may initiate an inquiry into the alleged misconduct.

3.1 The inquiry is an informal fact finding effort to determine whether an allegation warrants an investigation. The inquiry will be conducted by the Associate Vice President for Research and Scholarly Activity, or by a committee appointed by this administrator.

3.2 If the inquiry provides sufficient basis for conducting an investigation, one shall be conducted following the guidelines of System Regulation 15.99.03. The investigation is a formal examination of relevant facts to determine if misconduct has occurred and will be conducted by a committee appointed by the Associate Vice President for Research and Scholarly Activity.

Contact for Interpretation: Associate Vice President for Research and Scholarly Activity