

What is ORMP?

The Office of Research Misconduct Proceedings (ORMP) is responsible for addressing all allegations of research misconduct at the UW, ensuring compliance with federal regulations, and taking reasonable steps to ensure the fair treatment of all parties involved.

What is Research Misconduct?

Research misconduct is the **fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results.**

- **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.

Research misconduct is **not:**

- Reuse of a moderate amount of commonly-used language in a field,
- Disputes among collaborators on a research project, or
- Honest errors or differences of opinion.

REPORTING RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

If you suspect research misconduct, please contact the Office of Research Misconduct Proceedings via:

Phone: (206) 616-8212, Director of ORMP

E-mail: ormp@uw.edu

What happens to me if I report research misconduct?

After a complaint is made and determined to be an allegation of research misconduct that meets certain criteria, ORMP opens an inquiry. At that point the complainant becomes a witness to the proceedings. They may be called upon for additional information or interviews. The University shall strive to honor a complainant's request that the complainant's identity in a research misconduct proceeding remain confidential. The University will not tolerate retaliation against complainants, witnesses, experts, Advisory Committee members, or others for their involvement in a research misconduct proceeding.

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The Office of Research Misconduct Proceedings (ORMP) is guided by [Executive Order No. 61](#). Throughout the process the evidence must be sufficient and specific enough to warrant continuing to the subsequent phase. The full process includes:

- initial review of the complaint,
- notification of the respondent,
- sequestration of research materials and review of said materials,
- investigation by an ad-hoc Advisory Committee, and
- a decision by the dean as to whether research misconduct occurred.