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INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE & USE COMMITTEE (IACUC)

Animals module, current platform, inspections, and researcher resources



SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

Insight Animals module

Development and testing continue as the future platform is configured for Emory’s animal research program.

Huron eIACUC remains active until the full transition to Insight is completed.



COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY

Semiannual site inspections

Inspections are underway across animal use locations during the current reporting period. Find the schedule and how to prepare for an inspection [HERE](#)

Inspection period ends November 30, 2026.



STAY INFORMED

IACUC Newsletter

Review the [latest issue](#) for updated policies, practical guidance, and new resources available to researchers.

Read. Review. Apply.

Questions? Contact the IACUC Office or visit the [IACUC website](#)

Export Control in AERIS (INSIGHT)



Goal

Use the INSIGHT EC Module and related workflow refinements to improve intake, routing, documentation, and status visibility for export control reviews; Resulting in reduced review time (avoid back-and-forth with researchers and administrators) and support more timely initiation export control request



Completed

Child Deliverable functionality
End-to-end workflow for Export Controls reviews of grants, contracts, and agreements including MTAs
Replaces use of emails for OSP teams, OTT, WISC



In Progress

Build and configure Export Control Assessment Form and International Shipping requests

BUILD & CONFIGURE

-  **International Shipping Form &**
Build and configure the shipping request form
-  **Export Control Assessment Form**
Build and configure the assessment form
-  **Notifications & Emails**
Configure system notifications and email templates
-  **Ancillary Workflow Configuration**
Configure and validate supporting workflow
-  **End-to-End Application Testing**
Full-application testing across forms, workflows, and integrations

Export Control Training in Brainier has been updated

- ☐ Added content :
 - Export controls for Biological commodities and Technologies
 - Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)
- ☐ Redesigned to move beyond regulatory overview and focus on applied, PI-relevant export control considerations.
- ☐ Added voice-over narration



PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS & ASSURANCE

Emory Policy 7.21 Applicability

- Minors participating/engaging in research related activities, regardless of the compensation status (paid/unpaid)
- Minors performing remote research activities
- Does **NOT** apply to minors in research as **human subjects**. Please contact [Emory IRB](#) for these

Minor per Emory Definition

- Any person who is at least 15 years of age, but has not attained 18 y/o
- A person who is not enrolled in an Emory University or Oxford, **and**
- “Minor” should only include rising and current juniors and seniors attending a Georgia high school

RCRA Written Approval Required

- RCRA approval is required **before any minor can begin participating** in research activities (remote or in person) at Emory. RCRA will not provide final approval until it receives the completed [Minors Registration Form](#)
- A form is completed after external acknowledgments (minor’s, parent’s and school official), **and** internal Emory approvals have been properly vetted. Please note Emory approval requirements may vary based on research activity

Potential Process Delays

- **Delayed acknowledgments from minors, and required parties:**
Minors are required to provide parent/guardian and school information to obtain acknowledgements
- **Insufficient detail in activity information submission:**
Providing comprehensive information about the proposed activities, participant involvement, supervision, and location helps expedite review and approval
- **Limited awareness of Policy 7.21 requirements:**
Some PIs/sponsors request an Emory sponsor account without understanding the requirements outlined in Policy 7.21
- RCRA reviews and approves Emory sponsor account requests for minors participating in research activities

RESEARCH CONTROLLED DRUG COMPLIANCE (RCDC)

- New team member:
 - **Alysia Animashaun, MPA** - Senior Research Compliance Specialist
- Updated policy 7.25
 - Summary of changes available on [website](#)

Annual Certification Cycle:

Begins December 1, 2026, and ends February 28, 2027

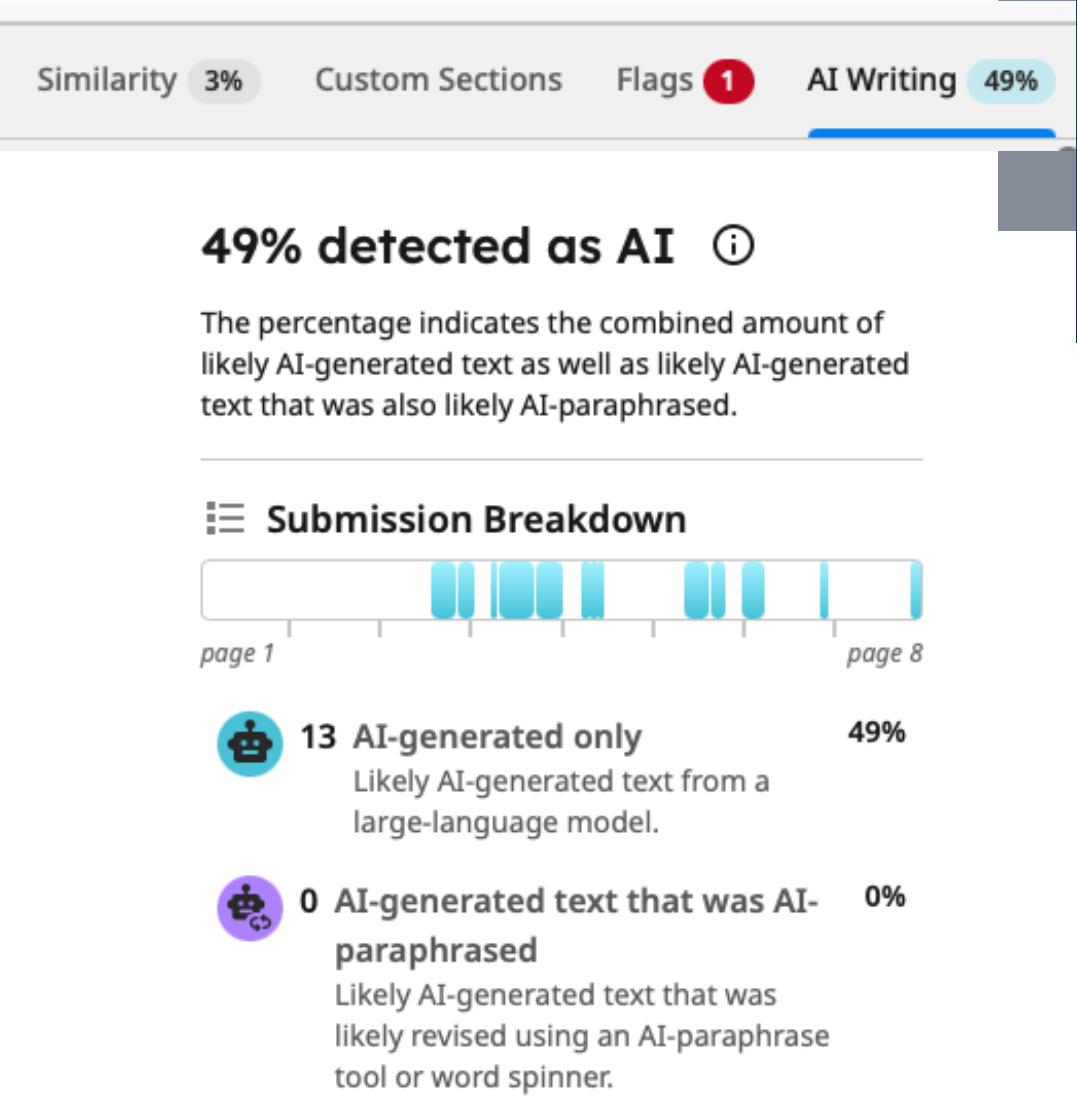
Emory University's Conflict of Interest (COI) in Research Policy requires individuals responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of research to submit during the annual disclosure/certification cycle.

NOTE: Schools and other units may also include reporting requirements.

This is entirely done in Insight

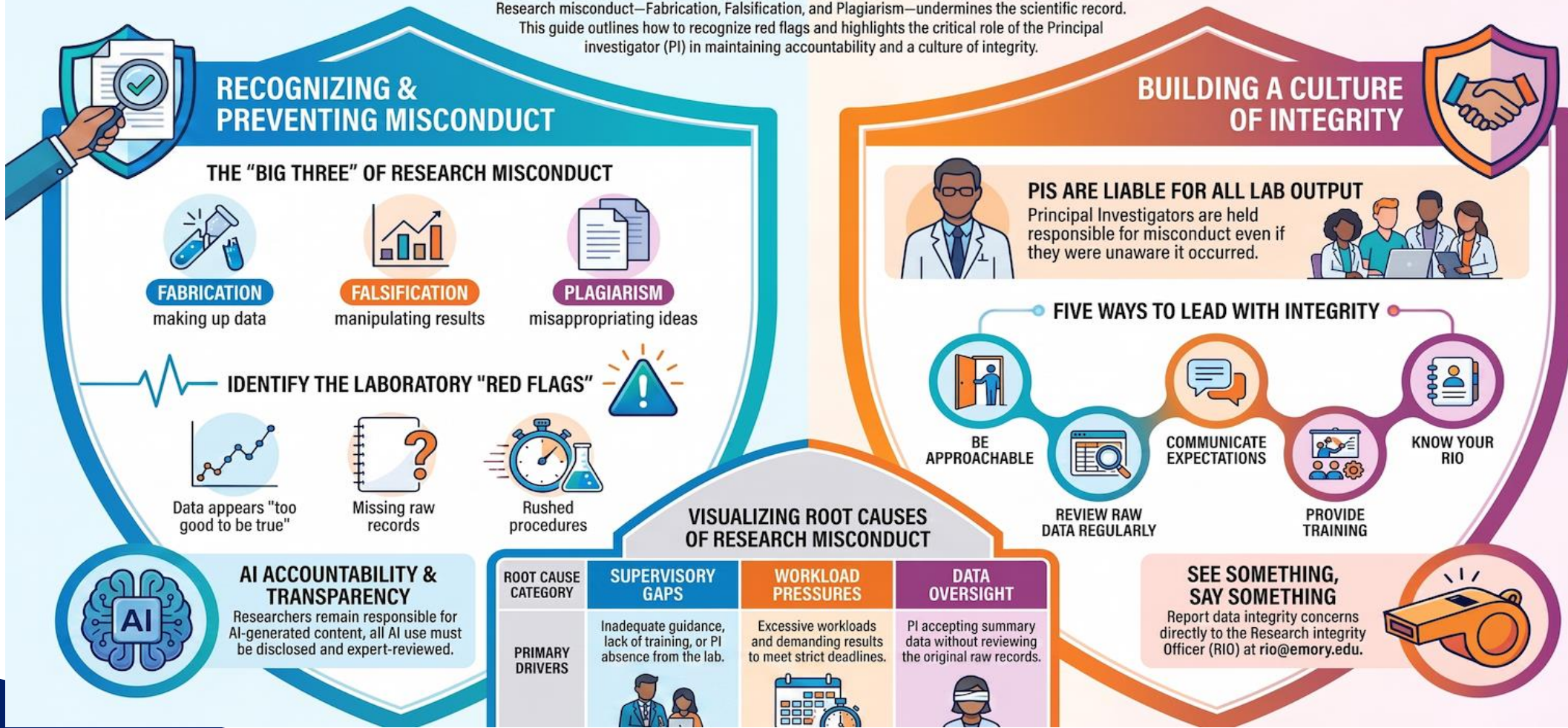
RESEARCH INTEGRITY- New iThenticate 2.0

- iThenticate now also includes AI Writing Detection within the Enhanced Similarity Report
- This new feature will help with the identification of AI-generated or AI-paraphrased content that may warrant further review under sponsor expectations, including NIH guidance on fairness, transparency, and integrity in application review.
- iThenticate is not a requirement but its use is encouraged for faculty to reduce risks associated with proposal compliance concerns, publication issues, and allegations related to research misconduct.



SAFEGUARDING SCIENCE: A GUIDE TO RESEARCH INTEGRITY

Research misconduct—Fabrication, Falsification, and Plagiarism—undermines the scientific record. This guide outlines how to recognize red flags and highlights the critical role of the Principal investigator (PI) in maintaining accountability and a culture of integrity.



Introduction of New Team Members

- Elan Mitchell-Gee, PhD joined Emory University as Director of Research Security in July 2026.
- Bryan Cofer joined Emory University as Senior Research Compliance Specialist in August 2026.
 - Both will support institutional compliance with research security requirements, federal sponsor expectations, and emerging policy developments.

Research Security (RS) Training Requirements

- Mandatory Research Security (RS) Training has been required at Emory since December 1, 2025.
 - All Covered Individuals (those responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of research) must complete training within one year of proposal submission.
- Training supports compliance with evolving federal sponsor requirements.

OMB Grantmaking Rule Delayed

- Congress approved a stopgap funding bill that delays implementation of OMB's proposed federal grantmaking rule until December 11, 2026.
 - The proposed rule would restrict the use of federal award funds for collaborations involving countries of particular concern, foreign adversaries, and certain sanctioned countries.
- OMB has also indicated it does not plan to implement the rule before January 1, 2027.
- The impact on related policy changes under development at NSF and the Department of Education remains unclear.

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Resources

- [RCRA Offices: Fact Sheet](#)
- [Policy Handbook](#)



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