

10 Things to Know the Basics about

RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

Research Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

1 DEFINITIONS

What is Research Misconduct (EM)?

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.

2 OTHER ISSUES

What is not Research Misconduct?

Not all issues represent research misconduct. The Research Integrity Officer (RIO) or a committee (depending on the issue) could determine that the reported issue is a:

- Honest error
- Difference of opinion
- Authorship disputes
- Questionable research practices
- Self Plagiarism

3 WHO CAN/HOW TO REPORT

Under Emory Policy 7.8, anyone can and should report allegations of research misconduct to the RIO. Complainants are protected when submitting good faith allegations. Report any issues or schedule a meeting with the RIO's office at rio@emory.edu.

4 WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT

RM can have devastating implications for the research community, institution, fellow scientist and the credibility of research. RM can be found in publications, presentations (oral and written), posters, funding submissions, theses, and even internal reports with research findings.

5 CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality is a critical part of the allegation review process. Under Emory Policy 7.8, all individuals who are part of the process are treated fairly and reasonably. To the extent possible, confidentiality is maintained and only those who need to know receive updates or information.

6 ROLES IN REVIEW PROCESS

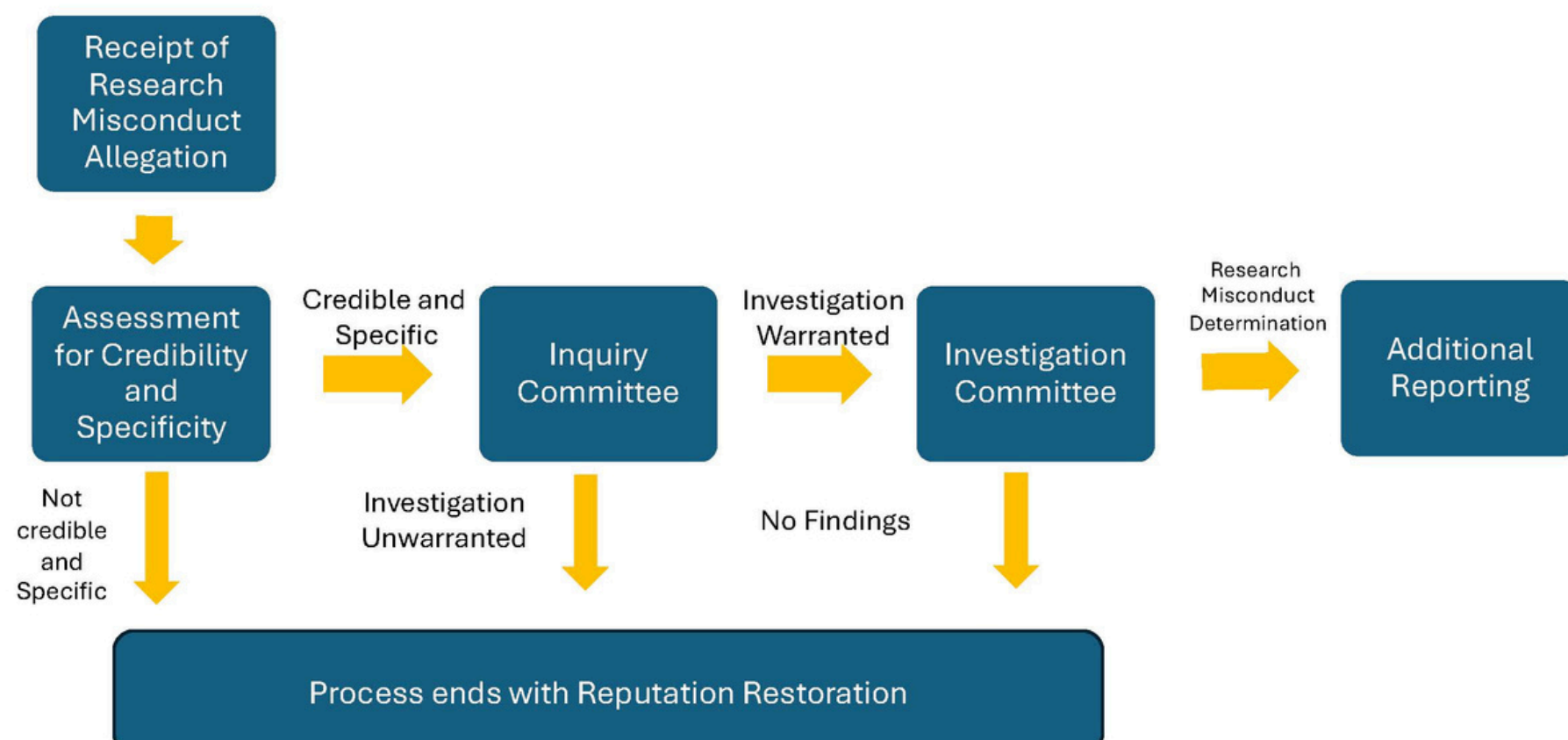
Committee: Faculty committee reviewing allegations of RM

Administrative Official: School representative who selects committee members, reviews reports and works with RIO.

Deciding Official: VP for research who acts as a resource for the RIO office for final determinations

RIO: Assoc VP RCRA, responsible for RM compliance at Emory

7 REVIEW ALLEGATION PROCESS



8 RM DETERMINATIONS

To determine that an allegation represents research misconduct, the Investigation Committee should find all the following:

- There has been a significant departure from accepted practices in the relevant research community;
- Research Misconduct has been committed intentionally, knowingly or recklessly; and
- The Allegation is proven by a preponderance of the evidence.

9 RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

- [RCRA Preventing Research Misconduct](#)
- [Emory Trust Line](#)
- [Ombuds Office](#)
- [Emory Policy 7.8](#)
- [42 CFR Part 50 and 93](#)

10 KNOW YOUR RIO

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