

Integrity and Misconduct

University of San Diego community members are expected to act with integrity and to adhere to high ethical standards while conducting research or engaging in other University-related activities. Research misconduct can involve a wide variety of conduct including fabricating or falsifying data or research results, misusing research funds or other University resources, and other dishonest or fraudulent conduct.

The University takes all allegations of research misconduct seriously and will investigate allegations of misconduct and institute appropriate remedial actions when necessary. Any member of the University community who has knowledge of potential research misconduct should report it immediately. Reports of research misconduct may be made to the Provost, Associate Provost, a dean, the University Auditor, or the Human Resources department. Anonymous reports may also be made through the University's anonymous [reporting hotline](#).

The University's [Policy Prohibiting Illegal, Dishonest or Fraudulent Conduct](#) is a good resource for those concerned with research misconduct.

In addition, for externally funded research, the University's Policy for Responding to Allegations of [Research Misconduct Involving Externally-Funded Research](#) would apply.

For more information, please contact the Associate Provost for Research Administration