

Foreign Institution Statement on Addressing Allegations of Research Misconduct involving United States Public Health Service (PHS) Funded Research or Activities

The University of Melbourne (the University) has incorporated into its policies and procedures the following approach for dealing with and reporting possible research misconduct when PHS funds are involved.

1. **The University** will designate an official (“Institutional Certifying Official”) to:
 - Receive allegations of research misconduct involving PHS funds;
 - Develop procedures to enable institutional members or others to make an allegation of research misconduct involving PHS funds; and
 - Notify the US Office of Research Integrity (ORI) when an allegation of research misconduct involving PHS funds is received. Phone: (240) 453-8800. E-mail: askORI@hhs.gov.
2. **The University** will work with ORI or another appropriate HHS office to develop and implement a process for responding to research misconduct allegations that is consistent with offices of the US Federal Regulation 42 CFR Part 93.
3. **The University**, upon request, will submit reports (in English) to ORI that describe the process the University followed in conducting the investigation, the evidence on which the conclusions of the investigation are based, and if a finding of research misconduct is made, the administrative actions that are taken against the respondent.
4. **The University** will inform institutional members about who the Institutional Certifying Official is, what that person does, and how to make an allegation of research misconduct involving PHS-supported research. This information will be posted on the University’s website.
5. **The University** certifies that this statement will be a permanent amendment to the institution’s procedures for responding to allegations of research misconduct.
6. **The University** will submit the “Annual Report on Possible Research Misconduct” (Form PHS 6349) to ORI by April 30 of each year, via ORI’s secure online submission platform, at: <https://ori.hhs.gov/arprm>.

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