Christopher Newport University

Policy: Research Misconduct
Policy Number: 8000

Executive Oversight:	Provost/Executive Vice President
Contact Office:	Provost's Office
Frequency of Review:	Biennially

A. PURPOSE

This policy establishes Christopher Newport University's (CNU) commitment to research integrity and ensures institutional compliance with federal mandates regarding the responsible conduct of research.

B. POLICY STATEMENT

All faculty, staff, and students are expected to conduct research with honesty, rigor, and transparency. Each member is responsible for contributing to an organizational culture that establishes, maintains, and promotes research integrity. Allegations of academic dishonesty involving students in standard coursework are governed by the Honor Code, allegations of misconduct against instructional faculty are governed by Section XII of the University Handbook, Instructional Faculty Personnel Regulations. If the activity involves federally funded research or research intended for publication, this policy also applies.

C. PROCEDURES

This policy applies only to research misconduct (as defined in the procedures) and does not cover authorship disputes or general employment grievances. It establishes administrative procedures for reviewing allegations of research misconduct regardless of funding source (federal, state, private, or unfunded), and pertains to all research and creative activity conducted at Christopher Newport University or under its auspices. However, formal notification, reporting, and external oversight by the U.S. Office of Research Integrity (ORI) apply solely to allegations, inquiries, and investigations involving research, research training, or related activities supported by, or proposed to, the Public Health Service (PHS/NIH). All other allegations will be handled internally under these same institutional procedures without federal reporting to ORI, unless required by another specific funding sponsor. Those who report misconduct in good faith or participate in an investigation are protected from retaliation.

Administrative procedures for good-faith reporting, promptly addressing allegations, and rectifying the scientific record as appropriate can be found on the Office of the Provost's web pages on the University's main website.

The University may take interim administrative actions at any stage of a research misconduct proceeding to protect public health, federal funds, and the integrity of the research process.

D. REFERENCES

- The Office of Sponsored Programs

E. APPROVAL AND REVISIONS

Approved by: Policy Committee, October 28, 2026