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## UNIVERSITY POLICY STATEMENT

Eastern Michigan University recognizes that academic institutions have the responsibility to set standards for ethical and honorable behavior in the conduct of research and scholarly pursuits. These standards insure that the scholarly activity of the University's faculty, research staff, and students will be conducted with integrity and openness. It is the policy of the University to foster an intellectual and academic environment in which exemplary scholarship and ethical practice may flourish.

Misconduct and fraud in academic activity seriously undermine the scientific enterprise. The University will act to ensure that allegations of misconduct are investigated promptly, thoroughly, and fairly. If the allegations are substantiated, the University will apply appropriate sanctions and correct any public record or report of the work.

## UNIVERSITY PRACTICE:

University practices for implementing this policy include:

1. It is important to distinguish clearly research misconduct from honest error or from ambiguities that might be resolved by further investigation. Research misconduct does not include honest error or difference in interpretation and judgment of data. Research misconduct shall be defined as including, but not limited to:
  - a) The falsification, fabrication, or misrepresentation of data, including deceptive reporting, or omission of conflicting data with the intent of falsifying results
  - b) Plagiarism or misrepresentation of others' work as one's own
  - c) Failure to assign authorship appropriately on any manuscript, report, project, publication, or electronic communication
  - d) Deliberate violation of a university policy or standard procedure in research, including but not limited to the policies on the use of human subjects and the use and care of animals
  - e) Abuse of confidentiality in peer, editorial, or regulatory review; or use or disclosure of privileged information, such as misappropriating ideas from others' grant proposals, award application, or manuscripts; or inappropriately using other privileged communications.

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## RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation and administration of this policy is the responsibility of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Provost shall appoint a senior administrator who will be responsible for the implementation of this policy and its compliance with present and future federal regulations on research misconduct.

The Provost will appoint a committee to advise and assist the administrator. The committee shall be representative of collegiate concentrations. The committee will assist the administrator with the implementation of the policy, the preparation of educational literature, the development of administrative procedures, and the conduct of inquiries and investigations when deemed appropriate.

## SCOPE OF POLICY COVERAGE

This policy applies to all scholarly and research activity performed by University *faculty, staff, and students* under the auspices of the University, whether funded or unfunded; all scholarly and research activity conducted on University premises or using University facilities and materials; all work published in which a University affiliation is stated or implied, as for example, when a University address is listed for requesting reprints of a publication; or all other scholarly and research activity that is directly related to the fulfillment of one's employment responsibilities at the University, such as professional activities taken into consideration for faculty promotion.

The scope of this policy includes student theses and dissertations. It also includes the work of students when they are acting as paid or volunteer workers for the University. It excludes students' work when done as part of a course assignment.

## Authority for Creation or Revision

Minutes of the Board of Regents, September 25, 1990; para. .4355M. June 20, 2006; para. .6632M.