Research Misconduct

Objectives

• To promote awareness of Research Misconduct
  – Define research misconduct and fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism

• To encourage communication with ORA
  – University Resources
  – CITI Training
  – How to report research misconduct at UI

• Promote greater understanding and awareness of Research Misconduct

What is “Research Misconduct”?  

• The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) defines Research Misconduct as “fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results.”
What is “Research Misconduct”?

- Honest error or honest differences in interpretations or judgments of data does not constitute scientific misconduct.

From ORI’s definition of Research Misconduct:

**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.

In 1974 the following term was coined:

“Painting the Mice”

William Summerlin & Robert Goode

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

- “Painting the Mice”
Research Misconduct Resources

The University of Idaho offers training on Responsible Conduct of Research for its faculty, staff, and students using the CITI training program. This training link can be found on the ORA website.

- Science rests on a foundation of mutual trust.
- Trust must not be replaced with suspicion.
- All employees or individuals associated with UI should report observed, suspected or apparent misconduct.
- Links to anonymously report suspected research misconduct can be found on the UI website at the Office of the Dean of Students and Internal Audit.
- Confidential Phone number: (800)-775-1056

Questions or Concerns

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