



Workflow of investigation

Inquiry by a whistleblower (any individual as well as any institution)

Verification by the Committee on Research Integrity members whether the case is considered as an alleged research misconduct

The Preliminary inquiry starts by sending the request to the institutions for the explanations regarding the complaint/concern or allegation

Explanations provide no evidence for intentional departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community or the evidence are not proven by preponderance of evidence

Case closed

Explanations provide evidence for intentional and significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community

Initiation of research misconduct investigation

Collecting preponderance of evidence and sanctions

