AP.7 RESEARCH POLICIES

Research Development, Integrity and Assurance Office

Website: oria.gmu.edu

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AP.7.1 Human Subjects Research

All research activities involving human subjects or human subjects data conducted by faculty, staff, or students must be submitted to the Research Development, Integrity and Assurance (http://rdia.gmu.edu) office for review and approval. All application forms must be submitted through the Institutional Review Board (http://irbnet.org). All covered research activities must be approved by the Institutional Review Board prior to initiation of the activity. Separate approval by the Confidential Student Contact Information (http://provost.gmu.edu/requesting-confidential-student-contact-information) (CSCI) committee is required if contact information for Mason students is needed to conduct the research. All student research must be supervised by a faculty member. The faculty member will serve as the principal investigator for the research and will assume responsibility for the legal and ethical conduct of the work.

AP.7.2 Animal Use in Research

All work with live vertebrate animals, whether for research, teaching, or testing, must be approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) prior to initiation of the work. All use of animals at Mason must be carried out under the supervision of a faculty member who is qualified and experienced in the work being conducted and assumes responsibility for legal and ethical conduct. Further information and submission forms can be found at the Research Development, Integrity and Assurance (http://rdia.gmu.edu) office.

AP.7.3 Misconduct in Research and Scholarship

George Mason University is committed to the highest standards of ethical research and scholarship. All faculty, staff, and students are responsible for conducting research and scholarship in an ethical manner. The university has developed a comprehensive policy and procedures to address allegations of misconduct: University Policy 4007 (http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/misconduct-in-research-and-scholarship).