

HONESTY IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH

As a student involved in a collaborative research project with a faculty member or academic professional, you should be aware of the College's policy on Honesty in Academic Research. The following paragraph is reprinted from the February 1995 edition of the Academic Handbook:

Dickinson College expects its faculty and academic professionals to adhere to the highest ethical and professional standards in the conduct and management of research. Federal law requires the College to maintain uniform policies and procedures for investigating and reporting instances of alleged or apparent misconduct involved in research supported by certain federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health. This requirement is met by the College's expectation that all persons conducting research will avoid fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or other practices that undermine the integrity of an academic institution. Honest error or differences of opinion in the evaluation or interpretation of research are not misconduct. Any person whose research is supported by funding either from external sources or from the College is responsible for compliance with College policies and with federal regulations where appropriate in the disposition of funds.

As a researcher, the same policy applies to you. In addition, if you have evidence of fraud or misconduct in research, you have the responsibility to report your allegations to one of the Associate Deans of the College, who shall follow established procedures for resolving the question.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you are aware of your rights and responsibilities as an academic researcher at Dickinson College.

Signature: _____

Date:

Name (printed):