



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty

FROM: Larry Lemanski
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: August 28, 2009

SUBJECT: Ethical Conduct in Research

Texas A&M University-Commerce is committed to high quality research and to providing our faculty, postdocs, graduate and undergraduate students with a conducive environment to conduct research in a responsible manner. Our faculty members are expected to uphold the highest standard of integrity and honesty in research and scholarship. These expectations are described in Texas A&M University-Commerce Rules & Procedures 15.99.03.R0.01 (*Scholarly Misconduct*), 15.99.03.R1 (*Ethics in Research and Scholarship*) and also in Texas A&M University System supplement regulation 15.99.03 (*Ethics in Research and Scholarship*). These procedures are located online at <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/administration/Rules&Procedures/>. I encourage you to read these documents and to adhere to them.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the training which is required for compliance, regarding the various aspects of your research. Through the Office of Sponsored Programs, various training in the form of workshops, seminars, and online modules are available to your postdocs, students and you. It is extremely important for everyone to attend relevant training. An aspect that most students and faculty should be especially aware of is that of plagiarism; I encourage you to not only be cognizant of this in your research, but to incorporate this information in your courses for the benefit of your students. I encourage you to visit the following website for more information about compliance and ethics in research: <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/gradschool/research/>.

A very important workshop on Research Integrity and Plagiarism is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2009, which will be given by Dr. Aliza I. Sacknovitz of the Office of Inspector General, National Science Foundation. Two sessions of this workshop will be offered, one for faculty and one for students. Additional information regarding this workshop will be sent out by the Office of Sponsored Programs.

I wish you all the best in your research endeavors for the upcoming academic year.

Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

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