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**Responsibility:** Dean of Applied Research

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## **Integrity of Research and Scholarship Policy**

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### **Context**

To ensure all research conducted under the auspices of the JIBC and its partners will fulfill the highest standards of academic research and scholarship, including the provision of an appropriate mechanism for resolving issues and conflicts related to integrity of research

### **Policy**

Individuals engaged in research for, or in association with, the Institution will carry out research and related scholarly activities within the highest standards of ethical behaviour and academic integrity. Misconduct in Research will not be condoned and may be the cause for disciplinary action

### **Definitions**

#### **Misconduct in Research**

Inappropriate conduct while undertaking research is unacceptable and may be cause for disciplinary actions. Examples of misconduct may include:

- Falsification, distortion, or fabrication of research data.
- Failure to use scientific integrity in obtaining, recording and analyzing data, and in reporting and publishing results.
- Use of research funds for purposes other than those for which they are granted, taking into account the freedom of action, which may be permitted by the contracting or granting agency.
- Plagiarism, theft of ideas, or appropriation of another's work. This includes failure to recognize adequately the contribution of a co-researcher, student or other person who has collaborated on research, and failure to obtain permission from another researcher before using that person's data, concepts, new information and/or unpublished work, and/or using such work without due acknowledgement.
- Giving recognition to anyone who has not made a material contribution to the research. The concern is not with necessary acknowledgements of assistance, but with giving recognition where it is not deserved, such as "honorary authorship".
- Complicity in the misconduct of others.

- Lack of objectivity in the evaluation of other researchers' grant applications, publications, or in giving expert testimony or advice in regulatory matters or court cases.
- Failure to reveal any material conflict of interest to external parties that might influence such external parties' decision on whether one should be asked to conduct or review research work.
- Any measure taken to oppose or block the work of another researcher for the purpose of benefiting oneself directly or indirectly.
- Acquisition of items under the pretense of research in order to benefit personally.
- Failure to seek and obtain approval from the JIBC's Research Ethics Committee as required by the Research on Human Subjects: Ethics Policy before engaging in any research involving human subjects; and to comply fully with the approved research protocols in the performance of the research.
- Material failure to comply with relevant federal or provincial statutes or regulations for the protection of researchers, human subjects, or the health and safety of the public, or for the welfare of laboratory animals; or material failure to meet other legal requirements that relate to the conduct of research.
- Use of one's status as a JIBC researcher to promote a product, process, or technology, for profit or other benefits, without the knowledge of the JIBC. This includes failure to reveal to the JIBC any material financial interest in a company that contract with the Institute to undertake research, particularly research involving the company's products; and failure to comply with Conflict of Interest and Standards of Ethical Conduct.

## **Related References**

- [Research on Human Subjects: Ethics Policy](#)

## **Procedures**

- [Investigating and Responding to Allegations of Misconduct in Research](#)
- [Promoting Integrity in Research: Responsibilities of the Institute](#)
- [Promoting Integrity in Research: Responsibilities of the Researcher](#)
- [Research Associate](#)
- [Visiting Applied Research Chairs, Post Graduate Scholars and Faculty](#)