

## For BU RCR Newcomers

### Welcome Message

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**Welcome!** Today we are coming together as a community with shared responsibility for the integrity of science at Boston University.

In your discussion groups, you will be asked to spot ethical problems portrayed in the case study and to come up with recommendations for how individuals in the case study should, or should have, handled the situations, and why.

This experience will give you practice applying your ethical principles and speaking up about ethical concerns that might arise in the course of your work. We will also note that there are many people in our community who have a responsibility to help you if an ethical concern should arise.

Among the resources available to you in our community, for help with ethical issues relating to integrity in science, are:

- Your mentor, thesis advisor, thesis committee
- RCR Discussion Mentors and Leaders
- The responsible Principal Investigator on a research project
- The Chairman or Center Director of the PI (if PI is unresponsive)
- The Dean or Associate Dean for Research (if chair is unresponsive)

Also, available for help:

#### **Guidance about Scientific Misconduct Policy and Discussion of hypothetical situations:**

- The Assistant Provost for Research Compliance (Susan Frey, [sfrey@bu.edu](mailto:sfrey@bu.edu))
- The Associate Vice President for Research Compliance (Boston University Research Integrity Officer, Ara Tahmassian, [aratahma@bu.edu](mailto:aratahma@bu.edu))

#### **Confidential help:**

- The Ombuds for Boston University (Francine Montemurro, [fmonte@bu.edu](mailto:fmonte@bu.edu))
- The BU Reporting Hotline (anonymous)  
[https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/en/report\\_information.asp?clientid=8779&agreement=no&override=yes&violationtypeid=1347&companyname=Boston%20University](https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/en/report_information.asp?clientid=8779&agreement=no&override=yes&violationtypeid=1347&companyname=Boston%20University)

Professional ethics and research compliance are continuing and evolving responsibilities of scientists as their careers develop. A strong community of responsibility can help to reinforce and sustain ethical commitment. Your active participation in these RCR discussions, today, contributes to the strength of our ethical community of science.