Basic Policy on Research Misconduct Prevention in Kumamoto University

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- 1. This basic policy is established by the university's Chief Administrative Officer (President) as a policy stipulated by Article 4, paragraph 3 of the "Rules for the Prevention of Research Misconduct in Kumamoto University" for the improvement of research ethics and prevention of research misconduct.
- 2. The Chief Administrative Officer must establish a system for research misconduct prevention by appointing the Vice-chief Administrative Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Chief Research Ethics Education Officer, who should respectively implement measures for research misconduct prevention in accordance with this policy.
- 3. The university shall implement the following for the improvement of research ethics and prevention of research misconduct:
  - 1. Establish rules for preventing research misconduct.
  - 2. Establish and operate help desks and whistleblowing counters concerning research misconduct.
  - 3. Establish a system for investigations and objections concerning research misconduct.
  - 4. Disseminate information on these matters to all parties involved in research activities, including researchers, staff members, and external vendors.
  - 5. Engage in activities concerning the improvement of the ethical standards of researchers and staff members.