

## Basic Policy on Research Misconduct Prevention in Kumamoto University

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Partial revision

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. Engage in activities concerning the improvement of the ethical standards of researchers and staff members.
  2. Establish rules for preventing research misconduct.
  3. Establish and operate help desks and whistleblowing counters concerning research misconduct.
  4. Establish a system for investigations and objections concerning research misconduct.
  5. Disseminate information on these matters to all parties involved in research activities, including researchers, staff members, and external vendors.