

Appendix A

Revisions to the Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research (2016) (RCR Framework)

The Presidents of the three federal research agencies, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research ([CIHR](#)), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada ([NSERC](#)), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada ([SSHRC](#)), have released a revised version of the Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research (2016). This replaces the original RCR Framework (2011) that was the basis of the University of Guelph's Responsible Conduct of Research Policy and Procedures (2015). While the University of Guelph's Responsible Conduct of Research Policy and Procedures has not yet been revised to reflect the changes in the revised RCR Framework (2016), effective immediately, the university will act in accordance with the revised RCR Framework's terms, conditions and principles.

The revisions to the RCR Framework include:

- clarification of definitions of researcher responsibilities and corresponding breaches;
- new responsibilities for researchers participating in Agency review processes (sections 2.6 and 3.1.5);
- information on annual reporting requirements for institutions (section 4.4);
- a new institutional requirement that all anonymous allegations must be considered;
- guidance on how to address allegations when more than one institution is involved.

Please refer to the [RCR Framework \(2016\)](#) for further information.