
LAMAR UNIVERSITY
MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION: Academic Affairs
AREA: Students

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Student Ethics and Integrity in Research

I. POLICY

- A. Lamar University is committed to fostering in its students the highest standards for professional ethics and integrity in research. Maintaining professional ethics and integrity in research protects not only a student’s academic and professional career but also the reputation of Lamar University and the trust of its funding partners and sponsors.

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- A. This policy falls under the authority of all applicable federal, State, and Texas State University System (TSUS) statutes, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, the TSUS *Rules & Regulations*; Texas Education Code, Title 3, Higher Education; and Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Education.
- B. This policy applies to all current undergraduate and graduate students of Lamar University. This policy also applies to all former undergraduate and graduate students of Lamar University who publish or present research that uses data, resources, facilities, personnel time, or funding associated with Lamar University.

III. ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

- A. Current students must not claim or imply that a degree has been awarded before it is officially conferred by Lamar University, and former students must not claim that they earned a Lamar University degree if they did not earn this degree. Misrepresentation of academic status is considered unethical and may result in severe consequences, including dismissal from the program.

IV. PUBLICATION AND AUTHORSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- A. Prior to writing any journal article, book chapter, monograph, white paper, project report, conference abstract, poster, presentation, or paper that uses data, resources, facilities, personnel time, or funding associated with Lamar University, a current or former student must:
 - 1. Obtain written approval from the project’s Principal Investigator (PI) or the faculty member directing the research and, when necessary, the agency or sponsor funding the project.

2. Ensure that all contributors are properly acknowledged and that authorship follows accepted academic standards.
3. Correctly cite the agency or sponsor funding the research project.
4. Not list Lamar University as his/her institutional affiliation, or use the University's name, logos, addresses, laboratories, or funding acknowledgments, in any research product (including conference submissions and preprints) without prior written approval as described above. Submitting and publishing work with a Lamar University affiliation without written approval violates University policy and research ethics.

Note. Students working on theses or dissertations should discuss with their faculty advisor ways to manage publication and authorship concerns in their thesis or dissertation research and writing.

- B. If a Lamar University student submits a manuscript for publication that lists Lamar as the student's affiliation/school but uses data or information from outside Lamar University, the student must include the following disclaimer in the manuscript: "This manuscript reflects the perspectives and/or findings of the author(s). It is not to be interpreted as an official policy by the funding agencies, whether stated directly or implied. The content herein does not imply funding agency approval of any equipment tested or assessed. The opinions, results, conclusions, or suggestions presented are solely those of the author(s) and may not coincide with the position of Lamar University."
- C. Current and former students unsure of academic publication and authorship requirements are strongly encouraged to speak with their faculty advisor or the faculty member/PI directing their research. If a current or former student's advisor or PI has left Lamar University, the student should contact the Chair of the department to which the student belongs/belonged for assistance.

V. CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

- A. Violations of this policy and its standards can lead to consequences that include, but are not limited to, the following:
 1. Academic sanctions, including termination from a program.
 2. Loss of funding or assistantship positions.
 3. Immigration implications for international students.
 4. Retraction of publications that conflict with this policy and its standards.

VI. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Current students engaged in research must complete required research ethics training (e.g., CITI), and current and former students must adhere to all University and sponsor guidelines. Current and former students who have questions about these requirements should consult their advisor, the Office of Undergraduate Research, and/or the College of Graduate Studies before taking any action.

VII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- A. Current students may be asked to sign an Acknowledgment that they have received, read, and understand the University’s expectations regarding professional ethics and integrity in research. The University may keep this Acknowledgment on file after a student has left the University.

VIII. REVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITY

Review Schedule: Every three years on or before the date the policy was last revised and/or approved.

Responsible Party: Academic Policy Advisory Council

IX. APPROVAL

Dr. Brett Welch
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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POLICY LOG

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