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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Perkins' vision is to improve community health and create and accelerate the delivery of life-saving breakthroughs to improve the health of all Western Australians and which is fostered by solid governance practices.
- 1.2 To achieve this, the Perkins is committed to creating, promoting and supporting a research environment where all research is conducted to the highest contemporary ethical standards. These standards are set out in various Standards, Codes and Guidelines which both the Perkins and all of its research staff have a responsibility to meet.
- 1.3 As a result of this ambition, the Perkins requires all researchers and students that use the Perkins or who are working on research projects that are funded (or partially funded) by the Perkins, to comply with the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research](#) 2018 ('the **Code**') and any relevant Perkins Framework, Policies, Procedures and Guidance, as well as State and, if applicable, Commonwealth legislation.

2.0 APPLICATION

- 2.1 This Policy applies to research carried out by anyone who works at or whose research is funded, partly funded, supported or auspiced by the Perkins. It includes researchers who are employed by other institutions but who use the Perkins facilities to conduct their research, students enrolled through a University but who conduct research at the Perkins as well as professional services staff.
- 2.2 All research must comply with this Policy and Procedures developed to support research integrity at the Perkins. These include the Perkins' *Procedures for Managing and Investigating Potential Breaches of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research*. This document outlines how complaints or issues raised regarding the conduct of research are handled, the roles and responsibilities of nominated institutional personnel under the Code and the actions that will be taken by the Perkins to assess, and if necessary, investigate the validity of issues raised about potential breaches.

- 2.3 To the extent that this policy relates to activities or conduct of non-employees of the Perkins, but which are funded by the Perkins or for which the Perkins acts or may act in the future as the Administering Institution, and subject to the requirements of any Funding Bodies, the policy is intended to supplement and not replace any policy of the employer.

3.0 INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 To facilitate implementation of this Policy, the Perkins is committed to following the procedures outlined in the Code and to providing an environment where genuine issues related to research integrity can be raised confidentially and without fear of recrimination. Such issues raised will be treated in accordance with the Perkins' published Procedures.
- 3.2 Researchers have a right to expect that at all times, the Perkins will treat anyone raising an issue or a person who may have been the subject of an issue raised with compassion and dignity. This includes ensuring that no action will be taken unless there is sufficient cause for a process to be commenced.

4.0 RESEARCHER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 The Perkins expects that all researchers and relevant staff will meet the standards outlined in the Code and associated publications and relevant Perkins procedures.

5.0 BREACHES OF POLICY

- 5.1 Employees who do not comply with the requirements of this Policy may be subject to the Performance and Misconduct Policy.
- 5.2 Research staff and students who are employed or enrolled by other entities but who conduct research at the Perkins and who do not comply with the requirements of this Policy, will be subject to any actions stated in the Code and may be referred to their employing institutions for further action.

6.0 DEFINITIONS

Term	Description
Administering Institution	An entity accredited by the National Health and Medical Research Council as one who can support research by ensuring that the translation of health and medical research into better health outcomes includes the promotion of the highest standards of ethics and integrity in health and medical research.
Code	The Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2018).
Breach of the Code	A failure to meet the principles and responsibilities of the Code, and which may refer to a single breach or multiple breaches.

7.0 KEY REFERENCE DOCUMENTS REGARDING RESEARCH INTEGRITY

- [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research 2018](#)
- [Guide to managing and investigating potential breaches of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research 2018](#)
- [NHMRC Research Integrity and Misconduct Policy 2019](#)
- [Harry Perkins Institute for Medical Research Procedures For Managing And Investigating Potential Breaches Of The Australian Code For The Responsible Conduct Of Research](#)

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