



Dear faculty, staff and students,

I'd like to welcome you to Research Integrity's first edition of *The Beacon* - a newsletter intended to provide guidance and communication with you as we strive to support you in your research and scholarly endeavors. It is my sincere belief that establishing frequent and open communication will assist with supporting a culture of compliance here at FAU.

Our collective mission is to protect participants involved in research, be they animal or human. We strive to assist you in developing research practices that protect participants, ensure objectivity and promote strong tenets of mentorship, collaboration and authorship.

Research Integrity supports or oversees a variety of compliance topics, ranging from programs involving human subjects (the Institutional Review Board or IRB), animals (the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee or IACUC), the Financial Conflict of Interest in Research (FCOI) committee, research misconduct and the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) program. Most of these requirements are federally mandated that must be followed as a condition of receiving federal funding, whether directly or indirectly.

We recognize that complying with multiple and overlapping demands is challenging and that our faculty, staff and students have many tasks on their to-do lists. Our goal is to support you in fulfilling these expectations and balancing your roles.

Please feel free to call, stop by, email us directly or collectively [researchintegrity@fau.edu](mailto:researchintegrity@fau.edu) with your questions.

Sincerely,

*Elisa*

