

Policy 60: Academic Integrity & Graduate Students

Note: This handout is not all of the important information for Graduate Students.
Please see Policy 60: Academic Integrity for more information.

Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 1.7 provides:

In graduate education it is essential that an environment exist where faculty and students have the utmost regard for academic integrity. Graduate students often engage in research with a large degree of independence. Therefore, they are expected to and must pursue their academic and research activities in a manner that is consistent with the highest standards of ethical and scholarly practice.

Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Procedures 2.3 provides:

"(I)n the case of suspected misconduct in supervised research activities, and in cases involving graduate students, an NFD is not an option (see Policy 60, Section 3.4.2.7), nor is it an option where the decision maker opts to have group discussion where multiple students are under a related suspicion (see Procedures 2.3.3.2)."

Academic Misconduct in Supervised Research Activities

Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 2.7 provides:

For purposes of this policy, "supervised research" is treated as a separate category to accord with the TriAgency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research, and normally includes academic milestones such as Comprehensive Examinations, Major Research Papers, Research or Thesis Proposals, Theses and Dissertations, as well as the research and associated writing carried out towards any of these at either the undergraduate or graduate level. (See Section 3.4.2 regarding the process to be followed in addressing suspicions of misconduct in these areas.) Suspicions of research misconduct that may have occurred under the auspices of Ryerson University, but are in no way directed towards academic advantage or benefit, are to be addressed under Policy 118 (Scholarly, Research and Creative Activity (SRC) Integrity) rather than Policy 60.

Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 3.4.2.8 provides:

In all cases of suspected research misconduct, the Vice President Research and Innovation (VPRI) must be notified by the AIO. In the case of graduate student misconduct, the Dean of YSGS must also be notified of the suspicion.

Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 3.4.2.9 and Procedures Section 2.3.3.4 provides:

In the case of a student in receipt of tri-agency funding, the VPRI will assign an additional investigator, external (i.e. arms-length) to the university, who will also attend and participate in the FD as an investigator and decision maker and will sign a confidentiality agreement registered with the Office of the Vice President of Research and Innovation (OVPRI).

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Outcomes for Academic Misconduct (please see Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 5 for complete list)

Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 5.2.2 provides:

"The minimum penalty for misconduct with respect to work submitted in a course by a graduate student is a grade of "zero" (0) on the work".

Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 5.3.1 provides:

"Graduate students cannot be assigned a DS".

Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 5.1.2 provides:

If a graduate student receives a Disciplinary Notation (DN), the DN will normally remain on their record.

Progressive Discipline

Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 5.4.5 provides:

" a second finding of academic misconduct in coursework, or a single finding of academic misconduct in supervised graduate research, shall automatically require a penalty hearing regarding DW or, if recommended, Expulsion (see Section 5.3)".

Penalty Hearing

Policy 60: Academic Integrity, Section 6.2.2 provides:

"A penalty hearing of the AIC regarding a DW will be convened where a graduate student has, after all appeals are resolved, been assigned a first DN on the basis of misconduct in supervised research activities (see Section 3.4.2), or a second DN related to academic misconduct in course related work (see Section 3.4.1), or where a DW has been recommended regarding misconduct in their course-related work".