



## **Scientific misconduct policy**

In its various research collaborations Culture& is dedicated to maintaining the highest international standards of good scientific practice in applications, reviews and the conduct of awards. Procedures for dealing with the allegation of scientific misconduct related to Culture& grants and fellowships are in place as described below:

### **1. Definition**

Scientific misconduct means data fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or any other practice that seriously deviates from those commonly accepted within the scientific community, either in research proposals submitted by Culture&, or in performing or reporting research funded by Culture&'s partners. Culture& expects that collaborators will adhere to the most stringent international criteria of good scientific conduct in preparing their applications and conducting their research.

### **2. Preliminary Inquiry**

When the Culture&'s Board of Trustees receives an allegation, the Chief Executive confirms whether the alleged misconduct falls within the definition of scientific misconduct and whether it occurred in the context of a Culture& activity. Only allegations in writing can be accepted.

### **3. Measures taken by Culture&**

The Chief Executive will communicate that there is an allegation to the host institution. Should an investigation be carried out by the host institution, Culture& will ask to be notified of the outcome of the investigation, including any disciplinary measures taken by the institution, within 30 days of completion of the investigation and determination of disciplinary action, if any. The CEO will inform the Board of Trustees of the result of the host institution's investigation and of any disciplinary measures. The Board of Trustees may decide to suspend the review of the research proposal, or to suspend or terminate the award, bearing in mind the nature of the misconduct. The Board of Trustees may also impose further restrictions, such as declaring the ineligibility of the researcher in question for future awards.

### **4. Contact information**

The CEO [errol.francis@cultureand.org](mailto:errol.francis@cultureand.org) is responsible for receiving complaints.

### **5. Other dispositions**

If the procedure defined above is considered insufficient to cope with the alleged misconduct, the CEO will seek advice from the Board of Trustees. This procedure will be reviewed periodically by the CEO, for possible revision by the Board of Trustees.

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