

Research Integrity Officer (RIO) and Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

The president of each CUNY College designates a RIO for their campus. At Lehman the RIO is Alan Kluger (alan.kluger@lehman.cuny.edu). Each RIO is in charge of providing Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training to faculty, staff, students and post-doctoral associates at the College and is also responsible for implementing **CUNY's Policy Regarding the Disposition of Allegations of Misconduct in Research and Similar Educational Activities**. This CUNY policy can be found at this CUNY website:

<http://www.cuny.edu/research/compliance.html>

At Lehman, the RIO typically organizes and/or delivers lectures to fellow scientists and students engaged in research, discussing issues related to the Responsible Conduct of Research. Faculty, staff and students engaged in research must also complete CUNY-required modules of the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative's (CITI) on-line training. The RIO serves as the steward of all **"CITI-RCR training certificates"** completed by Lehman faculty and students. The instructions for how to complete the RCR-CITI training can be found at:

<http://www.cuny.edu/research/compliance/training-education/citi-training.html>

The RIO is also actively involved in the evaluation of possible charges of research misconduct leveled by internal or external sources against Lehman faculty. These cases can require interacting with local, national and international agencies and relevant documents and include the production of written reports. These cases involve close consultation the Lehman College Counsel and, ultimately, with our President.

The **CUNY Policy** for RCR includes the following problems as areas of **research misconduct**:

- (1) **Fabrication** - making up data or results and recording or reporting them.
- (2) **Falsification** - manipulating materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results.
- (3) **Plagiarism** - the appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results or words without giving them appropriate credit.