1. Purpose:
1.1 To set out standards and expectations for ensuring the responsible conduct of research occurring under the auspices of the University.

2. Policy:
2.1 Research is a defining feature and core activity of the University. With this comes the responsibility to protect and enhance the reputation of the University by ensuring that research conducted under its auspices meets the highest ethical and professional standards;

2.2 Research activities must comply with relevant legislation, ethical protocols specific to the area or field of research and any special limitations relating to access to or dissemination of knowledge or information obtained through the research. Equally, all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that information and data arising from research are reported honestly and accurately and with appropriate acknowledgement of those contributing to it;

2.3 In this respect, the Code of Responsible Research Conduct and Procedures for dealing with Research Misconduct listed in Section 6.1(a) of this Policy is provided as a principal point of reference for those undertaking research at the University. Other University documents and legislation listed below should be consulted and followed where relevant;

2.4 Researchers are required to comply with the Massey University Code of Responsible Research Conduct at all times.

3. Audience:
3.1 Massey University staff, research students and other researchers undertaking research approved by Massey University both on and off-Campus (e.g. overseas) and anyone using Massey University facilities and resources for research purposes.

4. Relevant Legislation:
   a) Official Information Act 1982
   b) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
   c) Health Research Council Act 1990
   d) Health Research Council Amendment Act 1991

5. Legal Compliance:

All research practice must comply with relevant legislation. Guidance can be obtained from the Law Guide available on-line at http://policyguide.massey.ac.nz/

6. Related Policies, Procedures and Codes of Conduct:

6.1 This Policy should be read in conjunction with the following Massey University documents:

a) Code of Responsible Research Conduct and Procedures for dealing with Research Misconduct
b) Intellectual Property Policy
c) Disclosure of Serious Wrongdoing Policy and Procedures (Whistleblower)
d) Research and Consultancy Contracts Policy
e) Health and Safety Policy
f) Contractors Policy
g) Conflicts of Commitment and Interest Policy
h) Research and Consultancy Activity Proposals Policy
i) The Student Contract
j) University Grievance Procedures
k) Code of Student Conduct and disciplinary procedures for students
l) The Code of Conduct for Research or Teaching involving the Importation or Development of New Organisms Using Recombinant DNA
m) The Code of Ethical Conduct for the Use of Live Animals for Teaching and Research
n) The Code of Ethical Conduct for Research, Teaching and Evaluations Involving Human Participants

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6.2 This Policy should also be read in conjunction with the principles governing the Safety Consultative Committee which oversees adherence by the University and its Research Workers to the requirements of the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and Amendments.

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