

Advanced RCR Program for Graduate Students (Additional Text)

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- (3) Disciplinary Actions and Impacts

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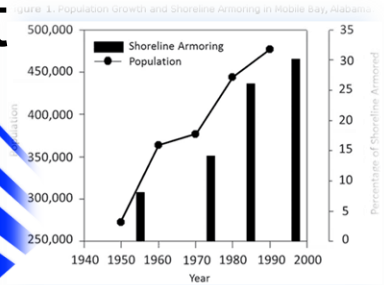
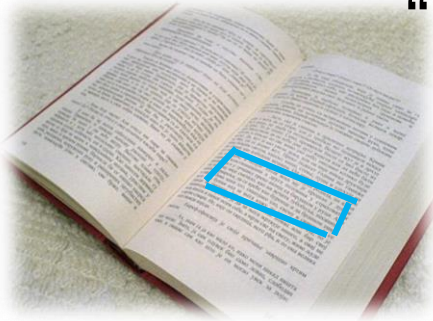
(1) Misconduct in Research Activities

Plagiarism (case 1)

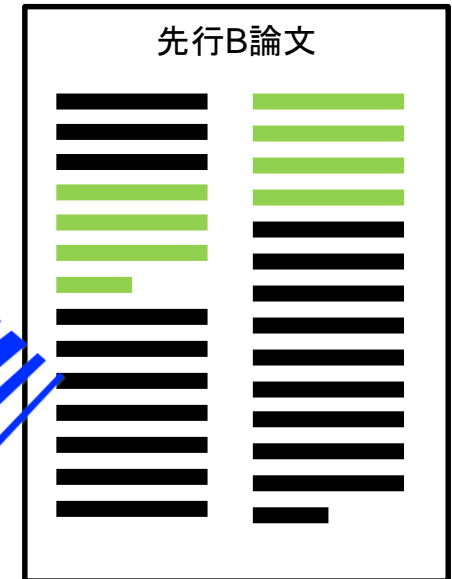
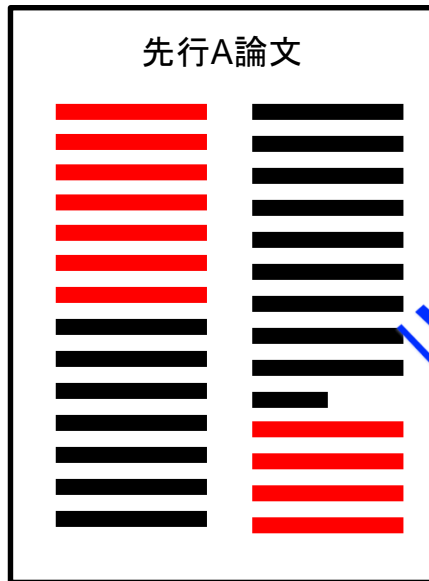
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“Patchwork papers” without quotations indicated



Adapted with permission from Douglass and Pickel 1999, this figure depicts the rate and extent of shoreline armoring in Mobile Bay. The vertical bars in the main graph show the proportion of armoring while the line depicts the



Plagiarism (case 2)

(1) Misconduct in research activities

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I didn't mean it.
I just forgot to cite the quotations...
And it was only a few places.

BUT



As a result of an investigation, several other incidences of negligence came to light, and the case was judged to be a “gross neglect in the basic **duty of care** expected to be exercised by researchers ,” and thus “**plagiarism**.”

Causes of plagiarism

(1) Misconduct in research activities

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Insufficient understanding of quotation (direct and indirect).

No respect for existing research.

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Anything presented as a publication naturally involves responsibility on the part of the author.

It slipped my mind.

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Great care should be taken not to neglect duty of care as a researcher.

Depending on the circumstances, it can lead to serious problems.



Research misconduct is not only intentional.

Alarming, research misconduct can be committed accidentally as well.

For example,

“I didn’t know the Research methods” is not a valid reason.

Depending on the circumstances, “carelessness” can also constitute research misconduct



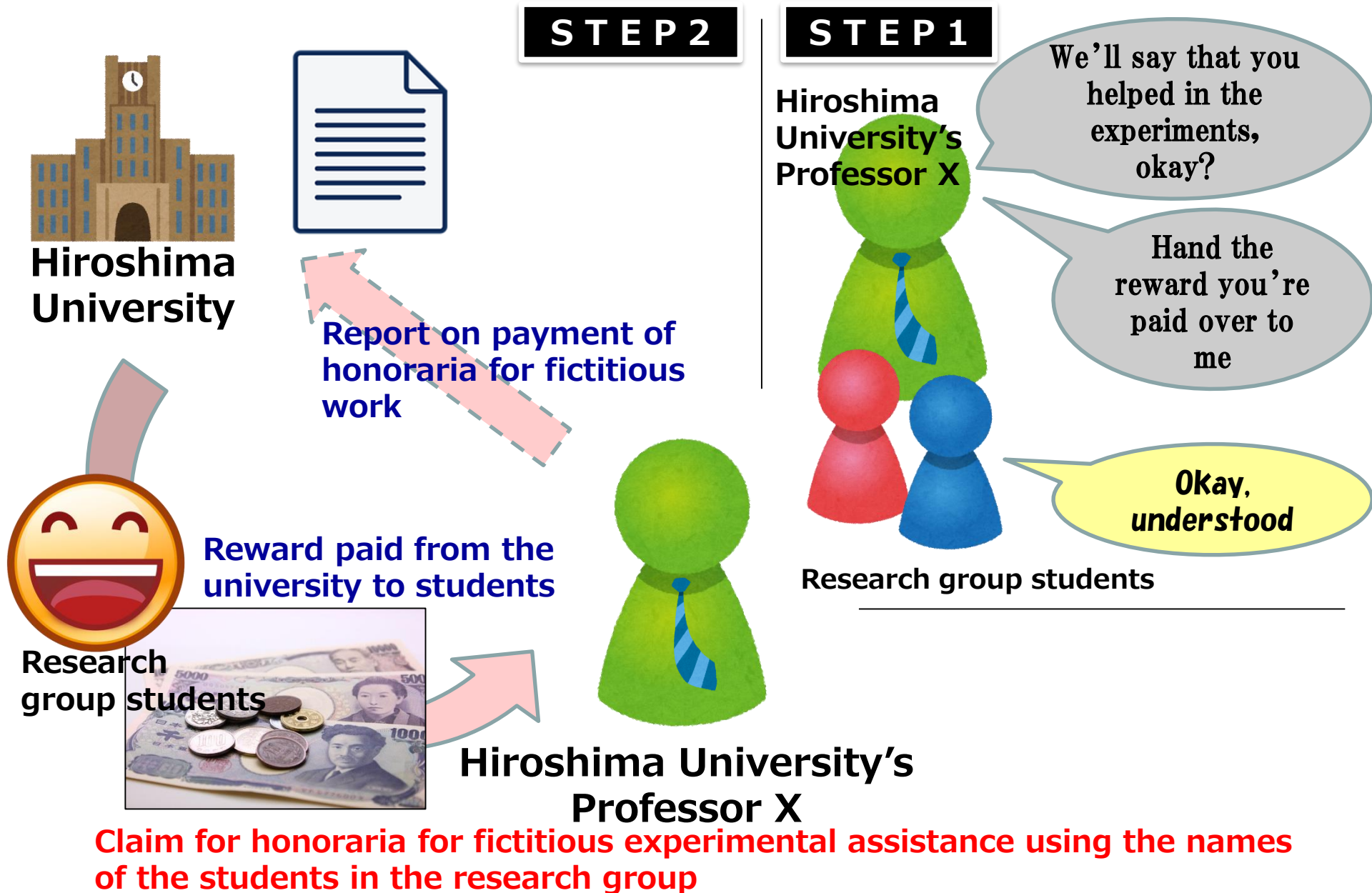
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(2) Improper Use of Research Funds

Fictitious claims for honoraria

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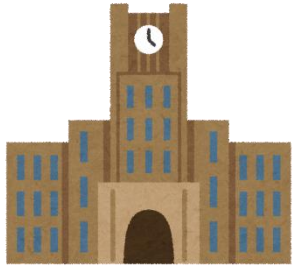
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Double payment of travel expenses

(2) Improper Use of Research Funds

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Hiroshima University



- Business trip report
- Hotel receipts
- Railway tickets, etc.



Business trip report only
(A University does not require submission of hotel receipts, etc.)



A University



Hiroshima University travel expenses



Hiroshima University's Professor X



A University travel expenses

Claim made to both universities for travel expenses for the same trip, and double payment received

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(3) Disciplinary Actions and Impacts

Penalties for research misconduct

Hiroshima University Student Disciplinary Regulations

Fabrication, falsification, plagiarism

⇒ Expulsion or suspension

Improper use of research funds

⇒ Suspension or reprimand



Previous examples of discipline for research misconduct by faculty members at Hiroshima University...

Published papers by supervised graduate students under own name without the student's consent (plagiarism) + Harassment ⇒ Resignation requested

Most of a (jointly written) paper published as the corresponding author was plagiarized from other papers ⇒ Suspended

Money paid for fictitious delivery notices/invoices was handled as “deposits” to a vendor. Discovered when the vendor was audited ⇒ Suspended

The impact of research misconduct is not resolved by disciplinary measures

Public disclosure of research misconduct
Retraction of papers
Repayment of research funds, etc.

Implementation of university-wide measures to prevent recurrence

Loss of public trust, not only for the individual in question, but also for the university

Increased burden for research activities

The impact of just one case of research misconduct on the university and other researchers is extremely severe



**Never commit
research
misconduct!!!**

If you came across research misconduct, you can consult with the resources below:

Fabrication

Falsification

Plagiarism

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**Improper
Use of
Research
Funds**

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