UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
Flowchart for Allegations of Misconduct

**Does this allegation fall under the definition of misconduct?**

- **NO**
  - Refer to the Research Integrity Officer
  - End of Process

- **YES**
  - Preliminary Inquiry: Is there enough evidence to proceed?
    - **YES**
      - Appoint Ad-hoc Inquiry Committee
    - **NO**
      - Not enough evidence to proceed: Notify the involved parties.
      - End of Process

**Must be completed within 60 days**

- First Meeting of Inquiry Committee
- Completion of Inquiry Report
- Submit report to Respondent for comment/accuracy
- Submit comments and report to Deciding Official
- Decision by Deciding Official to move investigation forward

**Provide written notice to all parties**
- End of Process

**Must be completed within 120 days**

- First Meeting of the Standards in Conduct of Research Committee
- Conduct Investigation
- Prepare Draft Report
- Submit report to Respondent for comment/accuracy
- Submit comments and report to Deciding Official
- Submit final report to ORI or other grantor agencies, if applicable

**Notify all involved parties of final decision**
- End of Process