

UvA or VU: Which Confidential Advisor for Scientific Integrity at Amsterdam UMC?

In case of a complaint or suspected violation of scientific integrity (SI), researchers within the Amsterdam UMC can contact one of the two confidential advisors for scientific integrity (CASI): of the UvA or the VU. With the further integration of departments and research at Amsterdam UMC, it is not always clear to which CASI one should turn. UvA research can now take place at the VUmc location and vice versa. The original AMC/VUmc division has largely disappeared.

The decisive factor in choosing one of the two CASI's, is the university appointment of the reporting individual. For research assistants, junior researchers, PhD candidates, and postdocs appointed at the Amsterdam UMC Research BV, and may at one or both locations of Amsterdam UMC, the university appointment of the principal investigator (research leader) or first supervisor/professor is decisive in choosing the confidential advisor.

Professors are appointed at either UvA or VU. In case of a dual appointment at both universities, the primary appointment can serve as the basis.

The university appointment of the accused is also decisive in choosing which scientific integrity committee (SIC UvA or VU) to contact:

- For VU, see [Academic integrity - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#),
- For UvA, see [Academic integrity at the UvA - University of Amsterdam](#).

If necessary, the CASIs can step in for each other, for example, in case of a colleague's absence or if the designated CASI is not sufficiently distanced from the research group involved in the case. If this applies to both CASIs of Amsterdam UMC, a CASI from VU or UvA but outside the Amsterdam UMC can be approached.

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