**Inquiry phase of scientific misconduct process**

**Stage 1: Of Inquiry**
- Review: Allegations supporting material
- May interview additional witnesses
- Notify CRE in writing
- CRE reviews recommendations
- Votes to accept
- RIO informs complainant
- If malicious intent
  - Refer to appropriate entities within the institute

**Stage 2**
- Votes to determine if allegations meritorious
- Notify respondent in writing
- Inquiry committee reviews written response
- Invite to personal interview
- Interview other pertinent individuals
- Write report
- Send to respondent for review
- Include response comments in report
- Submit final report to CRE
- Dismiss
- RIO informs complainant & respondent in writing
- RIO provide copy of report to respondent
- Maintain records for 7 yrs

**14 Days**
- Votes to return allegations to stage 2

**10 Days**
- After phone interview request additional written questions

**Declines**