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Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1 Background

1.1.1 In conjunction with NPR 7120.8, NASA Research and Technology Program and Project Management Requirements, this document establishes the requirements by which NASA will conduct research and technology (R&T), consistent with the governance model contained in NPD 1000.0, NASA Strategic Management and Governance Handbook. While R&T program and project management requirements are established in NPR 7120.8, NASA Research and Technology Program and Project Management Requirements, this document establishes requirements for R&T planning, solicitation and selection of R&T proposals, quality assessment and performance metrics, data protection and R&T misconduct.

1.1.2 The requirements specified in this document ensure that NASA R&T is scientifically and technologically well founded, of excellent quality, appropriate for intended applications, and that the benefits of NASA R&T to the public are captured, validated, and communicated.

1.2 Document Structure

1.2.1 This document is organized as follows: Chapter 2 defines the requirements for R&T planning; Chapter 3 provides requirements for solicitation and selection of R&T proposals including peer review; Chapter 4 provides requirements for quality assessment and performance metrics for R&T; Chapter 5 defines R&T data protection requirements; and Chapter 6 describes the requirements for handling R&T misconduct.

1.2.2 The Appendices contain Definition of Terms, Acronyms and References for Guidance.

1.2.3 In this document, a requirement is identified by "shall", a good practice by "should", permission by "may" or "can", expectation by "will", and descriptive material by "is" or "are."

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