## **The RCR process**

The instigator of the allegation, the person alleged of research misconduct and TENK are all kept informed of every stage of the process.

The RCR process begins with a written notification to the research organisation that an RCR violation is suspected to have taken place.

The director of the organisation decides how to proceed.

All the parties involved are heard in the preliminary inquiry. If the preliminary inquiry points to research misconduct, an investigation committee begins the investigation proper.

The director decides whether an RCR violation has taken place.

An RCR violation is reported to TENK, to the instigator of the allegation, to the person alleged of misconduct, to the latter's employer, to the funder of the research, and to the publisher.