

TAMIO Plagiarism Allegation Review Process

If an allegation of plagiarism arises regarding a TAMI Award submission, it should be funneled to the Vice President for Awards.

The Vice President for Awards will reach out to the person who has expressed the plagiarism concern and gather all materials associated with the situation. This includes links, emails, screenshots, etc. and will forward it in an email outlining the allegation to all members of the TAMIO Awards Committee. The Vice President for Awards will also notify the organization being accused of plagiarism (while keeping the identity of the complainant private) and ask for their response and any materials supporting their point of view regarding the claim.

TAMIO Awards Committee members and Vice President for Awards will consider the allegation, using the TAMI Awards Originality Statement as a guide, and make a recommendation of whether they support or do not support the allegation.

If the Committee does support the allegation, the organization that submitted the project will be notified that a plagiarism concern was raised about their award submission and that the Awards Committee has reviewed the concern and agrees the award submission could be considered plagiarism. At that time, the organization has the choice between the following two options:

1. Appeal the decision to the TAMIO Board of Directors
2. Accept the decision, withdraw their submission, and forfeit their award

If the organization accused of plagiarism chooses to appeal to the TAMIO Board of Directors, then the email along with the related materials and links, will be forwarded to Board members, accompanied by the TAMI Award Committee's decision and reasoning.

The Board will then review the concern and make its final decision. If the Board's majority vote is to uphold the TAMI Award Committee's decision that the award submission is plagiarized, the Vice President for Awards will remove the organization's name, award submission title, and recognition (TAMI, Award of Excellence, or Award of Honor) from TAMIO's website and master list of that year's award winners. TAMIO will either not give the organization their trophy or, if the organization is already in possession of their trophy, will be asked to send it back to TAMIO's TML staff member in Austin at the organization's expense. TAMIO will not issue any additional trophies to other organizations or reclassify remaining award winners' recognition levels in that award category.

If the TAMIO Board's majority vote is the opposite of the TAMI Award Committee's decision, then the organization accused of plagiarism will be notified by the Vice President for Awards the Board did not support the claim and they will keep their TAMI Award recognition. The Vice President for Awards will then notify the organization that expressed the plagiarism allegation of the final decision.

If the organization accused of plagiarism chooses to accept the Award Committee's decision, then mentions of the organization's name, award submission title, and recognition (TAMI, Award of Excellence, or Award of Honor) will be removed from TAMIO's website and master list of that year's award winners. TAMIO will either not give the organization their trophy or, if the organization is already

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For questions about this policy, please contact the TAMIO Vice President for Awards.