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Scientific Department Handbook

The Scientific Department studies anomalies so the Foundation can contain them. It runs tests and interviews, and writes most of the Foundation Archive.

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1. Ranks

RANK	CLEARANCE	ROLE
Junior Researcher	Level 1	Assists in tests, keeps notes, learns the procedures
Researcher	Level 2	Runs tests and interviews under a lead researcher; writes logs and transcripts
Senior Researcher	Level 3	Leads research on anomalies; writes anomaly files; reviews
Lead Researcher	Level 3	A Senior Researcher assigned to one anomaly; reviews everything filed on it
Director of Research	Level 4	Site lead; approves logs and procedures
Head of Research	Site-01 Level 4	Federal head, appointed by the O5 Council; keeps this handbook and the department's standards

The Clearance column is the Site Clearance a rank usually holds at the member's posting. It is granted by that site's Director and does not carry to other sites or to Site-01 (Directive 001).

2. Duties

1. Study the anomalies assigned to you, within your clearance.
2. Propose tests in writing and run only approved tests.
3. Record every test, interview and observation by the end of the session.
4. Protect personnel: no test puts anyone at risk beyond what its approval allows.

3. Running a test

1. **Propose.** Send the lead researcher a short proposal: purpose, subject, setup, risks, personnel.
2. **Approve.** The lead researcher approves, changes or refuses. Tests on Keter-class anomalies also need the Director of Research.
3. **Prepare.** Book the test chamber, request Class-D personnel through Security, and brief Security and Medical.
4. **Run.** Follow the approved procedure. Stop at once if conditions change; the senior researcher present decides whether to continue.
5. **Record.** File the experiment log and the test transcript by the end of the session (Foundation Directive 003).

4. Interviews

1. Interviews are proposed and approved like tests.
2. The interviewer states the date, subject and purpose at the start, and keeps to the approved questions unless the lead researcher allows otherwise.
3. Security is present for any interview with a hostile or anomalous subject.
4. The interview log is filed by the end of the session.

5. What the department writes

Anomaly files (Senior Researcher and above), experiment logs, test transcripts and interview logs (Researcher and above), exploration logs with the Mobile Task Forces, and posts (everyone). Reviews and approvals follow Foundation Directive 003.

6. Joining

Apply on Form A-01. A Senior Researcher reviews the application and runs an induction: the test procedure, recording, and one supervised test as an observer. You start as a Junior Researcher.

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