

## **UC Santa Cruz Title IX Office Formal Investigation**

In cases where an alternative resolution is not appropriate or unsuccessful, and in cases where the Complainant requests formal action, the Title IX Office may conduct a formal investigation. If a formal investigation has been requested, but determined to be unnecessary, the Title IX Officer must notify the Complainant in writing and explain the rationale for the determination. If the Complainant requests that no investigation occur, the Title IX Officer shall determine whether the allegations nonetheless require an investigation to mitigate a potential risk to the campus community. When no investigation ensues, the Title IX Officer shall inform the Complainant that the ability to provide remedies may be limited, but the Title IX Officer shall nonetheless afford such remedies that are consistent with maintaining confidentiality and the absence of an administrative finding. The Title IX Officer may choose to proceed with an investigation without the participation of a Complainant. Under these circumstances, the Title IX Officer may withhold the identity of the Complainant. If confidentiality of the Complainant's identity cannot be maintained, the Title IX Officer will inform the Complainant before their identity is released. At any time during the Title IX investigation process, a Complainant may place a hold on the formal investigation process and may instead request an alternative resolution. In most circumstances, the Title IX Office will defer to the wishes of the Complainant. However, the Title IX Office reserves the right to move forward with an investigation even after the Complainant requests an alternative resolution. In the event that the requested alternative resolution process fails, the Complainant and/or Title IX Office may resume the formal investigation.

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