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Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research

Many grantmaking agencies – including federal funders like the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) – require grantees to certify that they provide appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research (RECR, also referred to as RCR). Federal agencies like the NIH further require that such RCR training “be undertaken at least once during each career stage and no less than once every four years.”

The College utilizes Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) for training and certifying compliance with RCR training. In compliance with federal requirements, everyone involved in a government-funded grant—including but not limited to faculty and senior personnel and research trainees such as undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers—must complete this training (with requirement to repeat training every 4 years).

The CITI online curriculum should be supplemented by in-person instruction on aspects of ethical research conduct appropriate to the specific project. In fact, the NIH *requires* such additional in-person instruction.¹ All PIs working on federal grants are responsible for ensuring that students and others working with them on sponsored work have completed the online curriculum and receive continual in-person instruction. Further, all PIs working on research funded by the NIH must submit plans for RCR training for their students and others working on sponsored research. This information should be provided on an annual basis to the appropriate research administration office—for Keck Science, beth.jager@cmc.edu, and for Scripps College, the Office of Foundation, Corporate & Government Relations, FCGR@scrippscollege.edu and postaward@scrippscollege.edu.

To get started with RCR training, please refer to the College’s CITI Training Procedure and for further guidance see CITI’s [Getting Started guide](#), watch the [Getting Started video](#), or contact Beth Jager (beth.jager@cmc.edu) or (postaward@scrippscollege.edu).

<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/research/responsible-conduct-research-training>