



UH Policy on Responsible Conduct of Research - Training Aspect

DOR/Research Integrity & Oversight Office

UH Responsible Conduct of Research Policy Related to Training

National Science Foundation (NSF)

- Requires that all undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers receiving support from NSF-funded research projects receive appropriate training in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR).

U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA)

- Requires program directors, faculty, undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and any staff participating in the awarded research project receive appropriate training in the RCR.

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The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) online course serves as the *minimum* requirement for the individuals indicated in the previous slide, and is verified on a periodic basis. The course can be found at www.citiprogram.org. Instructions regarding how to log in under UH's account, as well as the appropriate modules to complete, can be found at <http://www.uh.edu/research/compliance/res-conduct/RCR-CITI-instructions.pdf>.

Request of Business Offices

- At the time an undergraduate, graduate or post doc is added to payroll or is given a stipend/scholarship from an NSF or USDA/NIFA award, the CITI training instructions should be provided to them.
- DOR/Research Integrity and Oversight reviews the records quarterly for these grants, however the individual may have already left the University or is no longer sponsored by the award.
- Making it a requirement up front would help to ensure compliance with the UH policy and federal regulations.

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