

# **CITI Human Subjects Protection Training**

Fresno State uses Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program to provide foundational training in human subjects research. CITI Human Subjects Protection Training provides learners with historical events leading to the development of human subjects protections, regulatory information, as well as various ethical issues.

## **How to Complete the CITI Human Subjects Protection Training**

1. Visit the CITI program website: <https://about.citiprogram.org/en/homepage/>
2. Login or register for a new account. (Be sure to select **California State University, Fresno** as your institution during the registration process).
3. Once registered, add the most applicable course to your queue. Available CITI Human Subjects Protection courses include the following:
  - Social & Behavioral Research Investigators: Choose this group to satisfy CITI training requirements for Investigators and staff involved primarily in Social and Behavioral research with human subjects.
  - Biomedical Research Investigators: Choose this group to satisfy CITI training requirements for Investigators and staff involved primarily in Biomedical research with human subjects.
  - Research with data or laboratory specimens- ONLY: No direct contact with human subjects.
  - IRB Members: This Basic Course is appropriate for IRB or Ethics Committee members.

\*\*\*Students, please choose a course that most closely matches your research field. If you are not sure about which research field to choose, please contact your faculty advisor.

4. Complete the course. CITI will issue a completion report once you finish the required course.

## **FAQs:**

### **Who is required to complete CITI Human Subjects Protection Training?**

All persons directly involved in human subjects research (i.e., individuals who will have contact with human subjects, with confidential data about human subjects, or with data that will be obtained from human subjects) must complete human subjects protection training on the CITI Program website. IRB approval of any application is contingent upon the completion of this mandatory online training.

### **Will I receive a certificate of completion?**

Yes, CITI will issue a Completion Certificate/Report once you finish the mandatory course.

### **Will I need to renew my certificate?**

CITI Human Subjects Protection Training is valid for three years. All persons conducting research with human study participants must renew certification every three years by taking the CITI refresher course.

### **How long does it take to complete the required course?**

Most learners complete the CITI Human Subjects Protection Training in 2-4 hours. You can stop and begin anytime. Save your work before you exit, and remember your user name and password.