Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

Fresno State uses the CITI Program to provide RCR training to faculty, students, and administrators. RCR training fulfills funding requirements of both the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). RCR is an essential component of research training, regardless of the source of funding. There is an RCR course specifically tailored to research administrators and additional CITI courses for those serving on the IRB and IACUC. CITI Program RCR courses cover the core principles and rules governing the practice of responsible research.

RCR training is suitable for any person involved in research ranging from undergraduate and graduate students to established faculty.

NSF vs. NIH RCR requirements

NSF RCR training requirements differ from NIH training requirements in that NSF requires that any student or postdoctoral researcher supported by NSF receive RCR training. NIH requires only those individuals receiving training grants to undergo RCR training.

How to Complete the 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 RCR course to your queue. Available RCR courses include the following:

    -   Biomedical Responsible Conduct of Research
    -   Responsible Conduct of Research for Engineers
    -   Humanities Responsible Conduct of Research
    -   Physical Science Responsible Conduct of Research
    -   Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research
    -   Responsible Conduct of Research for Administrators

***Students, please choose an RCR 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 provide confirmation of successful completion of the course directly to Fresno State's Research Compliance Office.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the CITI Program or need guidance in the registration and course selection process, please contact our Research Compliance Officer, Svetlana Bagdasarov, at svetlanab@mail.fresnostate.edu.