

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH

BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION
FOR RESEARCH INTEGRITY

RCR Training at UC Davis

The Office of Research and Office of Graduate Studies are collaborating to provide a centralized, comprehensive RCR program for graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, faculty, staff and NSF funded undergraduate students. This program may also be used to satisfy NIH and NSF training grant requirements for responsible and ethical conduct of research training programs. RCR training provides necessary tools for building a solid foundation for research integrity. It is designed to increase morale within research groups, reduce stress, and increase the likelihood of successful research activities. Failure to provide such training through organized and informal dialogue on campus jeopardizes the research environment and may potentially lead to research misconduct, conflicts among personnel, poor research results, and damage to the institution's reputation.

The objective of the RCR program is to provide graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, faculty, staff and NSF funded undergraduate students with information, training, and tools to address the increasingly complex issues that they will confront during their careers.

These topics include:

- Animal Subjects in Research
- Collaborative Research including Collaborations with Industry
- Conflict of Interest
- Contemporary Ethical Issues in Biomedical Research
- Data Acquisition and Laboratory Tools; Management, Sharing and Ownership
- Human Subjects in Research
- Mentor/Mentee Responsibilities and Relationships
- Peer Review
- Research Misconduct
- Responsible Authorship and Publication
- The Scientist as a Responsible Member of Society and the Environmental and Societal Impacts of Scientific Research

The 60 minute lecture-discussion sessions will be offered at both the Davis and Sacramento campuses. Sessions will consist of a lecture by a guest speaker, followed by an Office of Research-led discussion. Participants who attend eight sessions will receive a certificate of completion for the Responsible Conduct of Research program.

These sessions will be taught and facilitated by members of the faculty and administration with particular knowledge and expertise of the specific RCR topics.

For more information please visit the UC Davis RCR website:
<http://www.research.ucdavis.edu/rcr> or call:
Research Compliance & Integrity (RCI) unit at 530-754-7754.