

**RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (RECR) – Decision Tree**

PERSON	UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	SPONSOR REQUIREMENT
Faculty/Other Senior Personnel	The University requires that faculty and senior personnel complete RCR training in accordance with sponsored research award requirements.	National Science Foundation (NSF)	Required on awards resulting from new proposals submitted on or after 7/31/2023 for personnel supported by the award.
		National Institutes of Health (NIH)	Not required.
		United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Required on awards after 2013.
Post-doctoral Researcher	Natural Sciences, Engineering and Social Sciences: take RCR course designated by their dept or program within the first six (6) months of their appointment, irrespective of funding support.	NSF	Mandatory training either on-line or in-person for individuals participating on the award.
		National Institutes of Health (NIH)	Face-to-face training prior to beginning research, minimally once per career stage, or every four (4) years. Refer to grant proposal submission and NIH policy for specific guidance.
		United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Required on awards.
Visiting Student Research Collaborator (VSRC) Undergraduate Student Other researchers	Must complete RCR course training <u>prior</u> to being supported by the award or within one (1) year after the support begins. May be in-person or online training as long as it satisfies the sponsor requirement.	NSF	Mandatory training either on-line or in-person for individuals participating on the award.
		NIH	Face-to-face training prior to beginning research, minimally once per career stage, or every four (4) years. Refer to grant proposal submission and NIH policy for specific guidance.
		USDA	Mandatory training, either online or in-person permitted.
Graduate Student	Introductory training module provided by the Grad School required for all incoming doctoral and research-based master's students. Doctoral students in natural sciences, engineering & social sciences and any master's student supported by an award must complete a full RCR course also.	NSF	Mandatory training either on-line or in-person for individuals participating on the award.
		NIH	Face-to-face training prior to beginning research, minimally once per career stage, or every four (4) years. Refer to grant proposal submission and NIH policy for specific guidance.
		USDA	Mandatory training, either online or in-person.