



Policy Brief

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7.9 Responsible Conduct of Research Training Policy

Administering Department: Research Compliance & Regulatory Affairs

Scope:

Summary

This Policy sets forth *Responsible Conduct of Research* (RCR) responsibilities and protects Research integrity by setting forth training requirements.

Applicability

This Policy applies to Emory faculty, staff, undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and external collaborators participating in federally funded Research projects from any area of scholarly inquiry.

How to Comply with the Policy

- Emory faculty, staff, undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and external collaborators participating in federally funded Research projects from any area of scholarly inquiry must successfully complete the required RCR training* and any additional training required by the funding agency.
 - NIH awardees must have a plan for training researchers supported by the grant, including in-person training and 1-1 instruction. Per the NIH, "Existing policy and guidance call for RCR instruction to be undertaken at least once during each career stage and at a frequency of no less than once every four years." ("NOT-OD-22-055 - National Institutes of Health") Instruction should involve substantive contact hours between the Emory Workforce participant and the RCR instructors. Acceptable programs generally involve at least eight contact hours.
 - NSF awardees should also ensure...
- * **Details regarding the areas that RCR training covers are outlined in the [full policy](#).**

Noncompliance with the Policy

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the inability to conduct Research. In collaboration with the head of the relevant department, division, or program and in close consultation with the Dean or Dean's designee of the relevant school and the Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) as applicable, additional actions may be taken.