

Responsible Conduct of Research Training for FAES

What is RCR?

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) is just one of the ways that the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences demonstrates its commitment to excellence in research. Training in RCR promotes public trust, research integrity, and the preparation of future researchers. RCR covers a variety of topics, including:

- Conflicts of interest
- Animal welfare
- Human subject protection
- Data acquisition & management
- Mentoring & collaborative research
- Responsible authorship and publication
- Peer review
- Research misconduct
- The scientist as a responsible member of society

Who has to complete the training?

NSF requires RCR training for all undergraduate students, graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows participating on a federally-funded NSF grant.

USDA-NIFA requires training for all program directors, faculty, undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and any staff participating in the research project.

NIH requires that all trainees, fellows, participants, and scholars receiving support through any NIH training, career development award, research education grant, or dissertation research grant must receive RCR training. This applies to all faculty and professional and scientific employees receiving funding from these sources.

All other federal agencies also require all personnel (faculty, staff, postdocs, and students) participating on a federally-funded research project to complete RCR training.

Benefits to FAES

- Meets federal requirements for all federal agencies. NIH also requires 8 in-person hours which will need to be created and managed by individual departments.
- Allows for accountability through tracking progress and completion of participants.
- Replaces CITI training with easier to navigate platform and more interactive format.
- Provides continuous online training for participants regardless of employment dates.
- Allows for personalization through inclusion of links to specific OSU policies and names of relevant OSU faculty/staff.