



Oregon State University
Graduate School

Responsible Conduct of Research Training for NSF-GRFP Fellows

The National Science Foundation requires that all NSF-GRFP Fellows at OSU to participate in both on-line and face-to-face Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training. This training **must be completed by the end of your first year of active tenure.**

Research ethics is an essential part of your training and will give you insights that can be used when resolving issues about who should be included as an author on your papers and who has rights to your intellectual property.

OSU is responsible to NSF for verifying that training is conducted for each fellow. In order for OSU to satisfy its obligation, fellows must complete the following three actions by the end of their first year of active tenure:

1. Complete a [CITI](#) course on [Responsible Conduct of Research](#). This will either require you to log in or register an account with OSU as your affiliated institution (OSU does not have single-sign on for CITI, but trainings are free of charge for OSU-affiliates). Find out more detail at: <https://support.citiprogram.org/customer/portal/articles/2962052-updated-guide-to-getting-started#read>. When setting up OSU as your affiliated institution, be sure to add a course under Question 5 (and other trainings as appropriate):
 - Responsible Conduct of Research - Select the discipline most appropriate to your research activities: (1) Biomedical, (2) Social & Behavioral, (3) Physical Science, (4) Humanities, or (5) Engineering.
2. NSF also requires that some of your RCR training be face-to-face instruction. You can achieve this by completing one of the following:
 - a) complete a seminar or course where ethics in research is the main topic, e.g. [GRAD 520](#);
 - b) discuss one or more of the ten (listed under [GRAD 520](#)) primary topics of ethics of research with your advisor, or
 - c) participate in other research ethics training.

A good resource for these topics is the National Academies Press, *"On Being a Scientist: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in Research"*. It is a 60-page booklet that can be purchased, read online, or [downloaded as a PDF](#). Discussing with your advisor the questions at the end of the short case studies would be sufficient to satisfy (b) above.

3. Once you've completed both a (1) CITI web-based RCR course and (2) the face-to-face training, email:

graduate.scholarships@oregonstate.edu. Subject: NSF-GRFP RCR Training

Provide the following in the email:

- Attach a PDF copy of the CITI completion certificate
- Indicate which face-to-face training you completed in (2) above and provide a one or two sentence description of the training.

The above steps must be completed by the end of the first year on active tenure status through the NSF-GRFP program through Oregon State University.

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