

RCR: It Takes a Herd



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Multi-Partner Approach to RCR

- NRSAs: Students develop their own training plan in conjunction with their mentors
- T32s: have their own program-specific training
- Departments provide ethics content in graduate courses and organize their own discipline-specific training
- Institutional support and offerings
 - Graduate School
 - Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP)

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Graduate School

- Graduate School evaluates ethics courses on campus
- Working with Center for Teaching and Learning toward uniformity of content; developing supplemental materials the classroom setting
- Working toward goal of implementing online training modules from the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) across the board for all graduate students

Institutional Support

- OSP (OSP), in the Office of the Vice President for Research's portfolio, provides CITI training modules at no cost to the research community
- OSP organizes one-day free seminar for the research community at least once per year

Departments

- Host their own seminars that are discipline-specific
 - Have control over the content
 - Format
 - Consult with OSP to ensure the content meets the spirit of policies and sponsor guidance
 - Programs can bar registration if RCR requirement has not been fulfilled

T32 programs and Organized Units

- Directors have instituted program-specific RCR Training for their trainees
- Have the option of sending their individuals to OSP's RCR seminar if another training is too far in the future and training is required right away

Lab Managers, Graduate Coordinators and Research Administrators

- OSP works with university staff to inform them of the requirements
 - Principal Investigator Network listserv
 - Research Administrator Network listserv
 - Graduate Coordinator Network listserv
 - Postdoctoral Association listserv
- OSP provides training on CITI, if the university staff need assistance to get their trainees logged on to CITI and started on the modules

OSP and the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

- Administrator of the CITI RCR program
 - Institutional point-of-contact for CITI
 - Work with Compliance Training Services to make the CITI modules available to the research community
 - Receive completion reports of all individuals who have completed training
 - Responsible for programming maintenance and ensured single sign-on for ease of use
 - Updates / orders new modules when CITI updates its content

Organize one-day seminars

- Capture individuals who were hired after their departmental/lab trainings have already taken place
- Capture individuals who are planning on applying for grants that require RCR training plan
- Capture individuals whose mentors have asked mentees to receive additional RCR training
- Capture members of Postdoc community who need RCR training



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One-Day Seminar Format

- 8 hours of instruction
- Faculty from diverse offices and departments teach
- Broad in scope
 - lab managers, faculty, departments expected to provide discipline-specific instruction
- Graduate School using video content of the seminar to supplement classroom instruction and to promote further discussion of topics in a discipline-specific setting

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Goals for RCR Education at The University of Texas at Austin

- Every office / department working together to comply with federal mandates
- But, beyond compliance:
 - Provide background for the need for RCR education
 - Prepare participants for ethical quandries that may arise
 - Introduce ideas and strategies that will help participants evaluate their options to make the best choice possible
 - Present campus resources available to participants when ethical dilemmas do arise