

National Science Foundation

Recommended Plan for Responsible Conduct of Research

**The matrix does not limit any individual, in any career stage, from fulfilling additional RCR goals; it is designed as a guide to assist the Principal Investigator in writing a formal RCR plan to meet the sponsor requirements. CITI course completion is confirmed by DOR for all individuals (faculty, students, postdocs and senior personnel)¹ supported on an NSF award.

Items (1) – (3) are further detailed on the “RCR Resources->Training” page.

Ways to fulfill RCR requirement →	<u>CITI RCR</u> Online training (1)	Completion of Didactic Course (2)	Attending seminar or panel, auditing didactic session in RCR areas (3)	Teaching single-topic course sessions, seminars, panels	Mentoring (as mentor OR mentee; requires documentation of content and hours)	Other (requires explanation and documentation of content and hours) Ex: recurrent project meetings introduced by RCR training or case studies, Independent reading of educational resources listed on RCR website)
Career Stage ↓						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty and other senior personnel paid from NSF grants for any period of time 	Minimum requirement; additional training on the new areas required ¹	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional

There are no other career stage specific RCR requirements for NSF sponsored awards.

¹ The Chips and Science Act of 2022 - Sec. 10337. *Responsible conduct in research training*. Expands the requirement for responsible conduct in research training to include faculty and other senior personnel on Foundation awards and expands the scope of such training to include mentoring training and training to raise awareness of research security risks as well as Federal export control, disclosure, and reporting requirements.