



## Full Policy Text

- 1) During the first year of enrollment, graduate research students and post doctoral research fellows will be required to complete an online RCR training program provided by the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI). The Office of Research Integrity at GSU provides the portal on the GSU web site: [http://www.gsu.edu/research/research\\_integrity.html](http://www.gsu.edu/research/research_integrity.html). This online CITI training course is being adopted widely by research universities to help meet the federal requirement for RCR training, and it includes discipline-specific training modules with a number of foci, including: biomedical, social and behavioral, physical science, arts & humanities, and research administration. Postdoctoral research fellows, plus all undergraduate research students listed on IRB or IACUC protocols and/or who work on empirical research projects for course credit (e.g., honors thesis, research practicum), as student assistants, or as volunteers, are also required to complete the CITI online RCR training.
- 2) To meet federal expectations that graduate research students and post doctoral research fellows' RCR training employ multiple approaches, research students (i.e. undergraduate students involved in empirical research, research graduate students and post-doctoral research fellows) will also be required to engage in at least 5 hours of additional discussion-based RCR education prior to degree completion. These discussions will encompass both universal and discipline-specific material.

## Rationale or Purpose

The America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act (America Competes - 2007) includes a requirement that each institution applying for funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) "describe in its grant proposal a plan to provide appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research to undergraduate research students, research graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers participating in the proposed research project." This requirement is also being adopted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In terms of research graduate students and post-doctoral research fellows, the federal agencies expect that training in the responsible conduct of research (RCR) will be required of all students enrolled in degree programs for which the training is appropriate and will employ multiple approaches.

## Additional Information or Resources