

Training in the Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research

Scope:

This policy promotes research integrity through training in the Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research (RCR) and details groups of individuals that are required to complete such formal training. Additionally, all individuals – regardless of title or position – responsible for proposing, conducting, or reporting on research or scholarly activity that is under the financial oversight of the Marian University (MU) Research & Scholarship Administration, including intramural awards and extramural sponsored programs, are strongly encouraged to participate in RCR training.

Reason for Policy:

Marian University is committed to the highest standards of integrity and ethical behavior in research and scholarly activity. RCR training is beneficial to all individuals engaged in research regardless of career stage but is particularly formative for those investigators at the trainee level. Additionally, as a requestor and recipient of federal grants and contracts, the University is required by law to have a written and enforced RCR policy addressing the regulatory requirements set forth by federal sponsors for funded research.

Policy Statement:

The Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research (RCR) is broadly defined as the application of best practices in the proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results regardless of the scholarly discipline. The following individuals must participate in MU instructional programs in RCR:

- For NSF awards and/or subawards subject to the America COMPETES Act:
 - o Principal investigators, senior/key personnel, undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and all other personnel.
- For all other extramural or intramural awards under financial oversight of the MU Research & Scholarship Administration:
 - o Trainees including but not limited to undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows.

RCR training must be completed within one year of the award start date or the date of joining the program (the later of the two dates applies). It is the responsibility of the award principal investigator to ensure trainees satisfy the RCR training requirement.

The MU RCR Coordinator shall be responsible for administering a RCR training curriculum informed by the Franciscan sponsorship values and requirements set forth by relevant regulatory agencies. Particular attention will be paid to the required topic areas and training format outlined by the NIH and NSF. Training will be offered three times per year in both in-person and virtual formats. Once completed, RCR training is valid for four years from the completion date.

Timeline:

- This policy becomes active on the latest date of signature. All personnel on active awards subject to this policy must complete the required RCR training by September 1st, 2023.

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