

## **University of Hawai'i Institutional Plan for Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training**

Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) has been required for National Science Foundation (NSF), USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA), and National Institutes of Health (NIH) supported research since 2010. UH is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity among our research community, and this plan addresses NSF, USDA-NIFA, NIH and any other sponsor-required RCR training.

RCR training shall be completed online via the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) interactive, multi-disciplinary, online platform. This CITI training needs to be completed at least once and will be verified by the Office of Research Compliance (ORC). Individuals required to complete training are as follows:

### NSF FUNDING

- All students and postdocs receiving salary or stipend from an NSF-funded project must complete the CITI RCR training course. NSF funds include tuition and scholarship funds and participant support costs IF the supported program involves research or research training.

### USDA-NIFA FUNDING

- All project personnel including PIs/PDs, faculty, staff, students and postdocs receiving salary or stipend from a NIFA-funded project must complete the CITI RCR training course.

### NIH FUNDING

- RCR training is required for all trainees, fellows, participants and scholars receiving salary or stipend from any of the following NIH programs: D43, D71, F05, F30, F31, F32, F33, F34, F37, F38, K01, K02, K05, K07, K08, K12, K18, K22, K23, K24, K25, K26, K30, K99/R00, KL1, KL2, R25, R36, T15, T32, T34, T35, T36, T37, T90/R90, TL1, TU2, and U2R. This policy also applies to any other NIH-funded programs supporting research training, career development, or research education that require instruction in RCR as stated in the relevant funding opportunity announcements.
- NIH-supported individuals are welcome to utilize the CITI RCR training courses, however online training alone does not meet NIH standards.
- PIs include detailed RCR training plans that meet NIH requirements in the proposal submission. **It is the responsibility of the PIs** to adhere to the plans, verify that training is completed and maintain training records. On February 17, 2022, notice [NOT-OD-22-055](#) provides new recommendations on the format, frequency, and timing of instruction in the RCR and suggests additional topics for consideration.

### OTHER FUNDING

To be determined based on sponsor terms and conditions.

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