

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Training Requirement in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

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Policy

All undergraduates, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers participating in research supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF) or the National Institute of Health (NIH), including the EPSCoR program, through awards or subawards made after January 4, 2010, are required to receive training in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) during the first three months of being involved in NSF or NIH funded activities.

Qualified Training

The following training meets the RCR requirement:

- RCR training through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) or
- IENG 479/579 - Research Ethics
- Any new coursework or dedicated workshop developed institutionally specifically intended to satisfy the RCR requirement.

All departments are required to use one of these qualifying courses to meet the RCR requirement.

Faculty named as principal investigators will annually certify that all students and postdocs working on NSF or NIH grants have received RCR training. The certification will list all students and post docs, the date training was received and the type of training used.

A copy of this policy will be provided to every faculty member receiving an award supported by NSF or NIH, including EPSCoR. Grants may be randomly selected for audit to ensure that the requirement is met.

Oversight for the RCR requirement is delegated to the Vice President for Research.

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