The University of Texas at Dallas
Office of Research

Responsible Conduct of Research

The University of Texas at Dallas is committed to conducting research in a scientifically responsible and ethical manner and expects all students and employees to follow relevant guidelines, policies and regulations. Students, postdocs, faculty and staff who participate in research at UT Dallas or any of its related centers or institutes may be required to participate in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training as part of their participation in federally sponsored research or as required in undergraduate or graduate research training programs.

RCR training focuses on the development of ethical practices in research across the variety of disciplines and domains available at UT Dallas. The level of training required is dependent upon the type of grant or contract funding received, such as National Institutes of Health (NIH) or National Science Foundation (NSF) or by the level of training and experience of the individuals engaged in research at UT Dallas. Additional opportunities beyond the required training are encouraged to promote professional development.

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RCR Foundations Training

In order to earn an **RCR Foundations Training** certification, students, postdocs, and staff must complete the online Responsible Conduct of Research training.[1]

[1] All online training must be completed within 30 days of receiving support from NSF or select NIH grants.

RCR Development Series

In order to earn an **RCR Development Series** certification, students, postdocs, and staff must complete the online **RCR Foundations Training** and attend the additional five core workshops.[2] Workshop modules are offered once each in the fall and spring semester. Sessions do not have to be attended in sequential order and can be completed across multiple semesters. Registration is required for attendance and seating is limited.

Core Workshops

• Introduction to Responsible Conduct of Research
• Designing Your Research
• Conducting Your Research
• Reporting Your Research
• Responsibilities to Society

[2] All core workshops must be completed in the first 24 months of receiving support from NSF or select NIH grants.

RCR Professional Series

In order to earn an **RCR Professional Series** certification, students, postdocs and staff, must complete the **RCR Foundations Training** and **RCR Development Series** plus two elective seminars. Elective seminars are presented by prominent University researchers in their fields of expertise. Registration is required for attendance and seating is limited.

Elective seminars will be held several times annually and will feature a variety of topics such as:
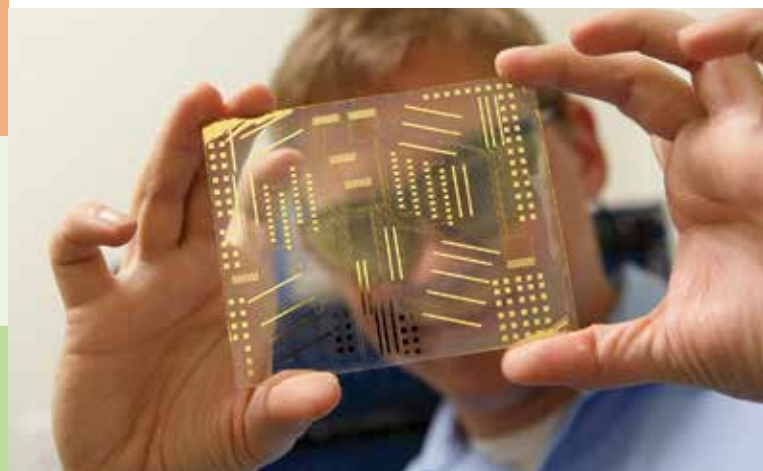
• Research Ethics - Avoiding the Pitfalls of Research Misconduct
• Mentor and Mentee Responsibilities and Relationships
• Human Subjects in Research
• Data Management and Ownership

Online Training

The online Responsible Conduct of Research training module provides researchers and staff access to research ethics training and professional development resources. Training can be completed entirely online to satisfy NSF funding requirements or as a complement to our live workshop series, satisfying both NIH and NSF requirements.
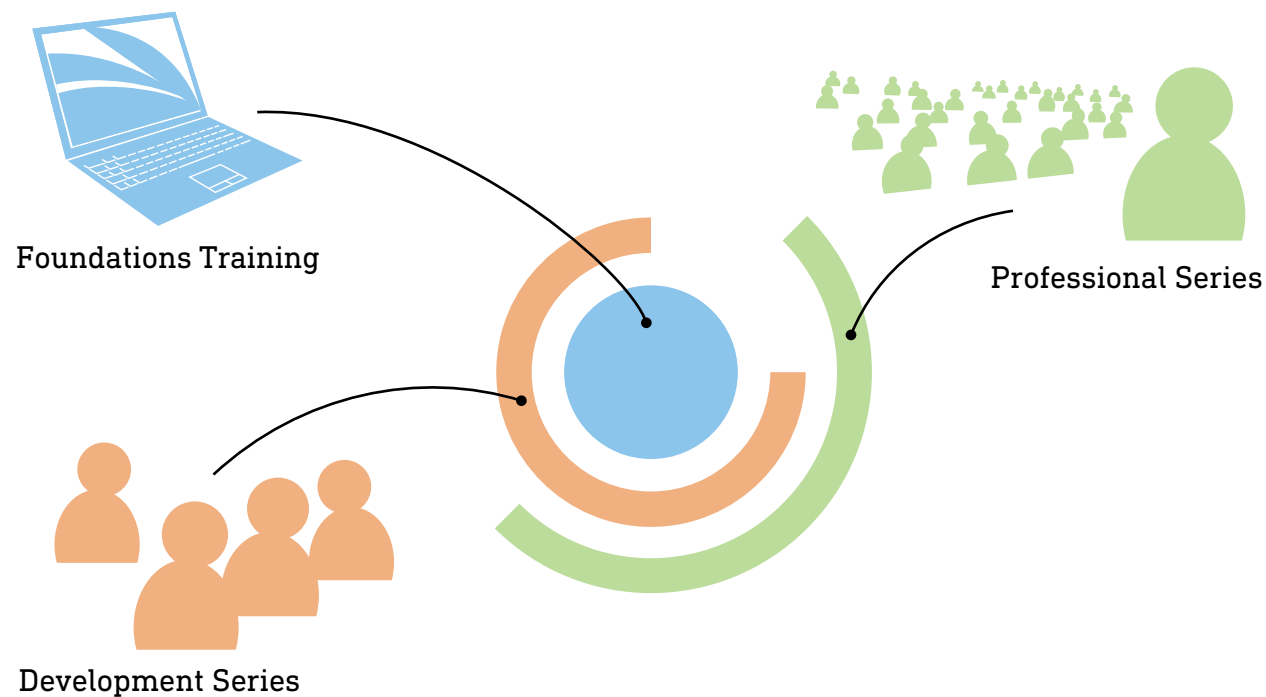
Workshop Series and Elective Seminars

The Responsible Conduct of Research workshop series and elective seminars are a blended learning, multi-session series designed to engage the UT Dallas research community in contemporary issues in research ethics and scientific integrity. Workshops will provide instruction commensurate with grant funding requirements for the NIH and NSF.

RCR Training At-A-Glance

		RCR Foundations Training	RCR Development Series	RCR Professional Series
	Online Training	✓	✓	✓
Core Workshops	Introduction to Responsible Conduct of Research		✓	✓
Core Workshops	Designing Your Research		✓	✓
Core Workshops	Conducting Your Research		✓	✓
Core Workshops	Reporting Your Research		✓	✓
Core Workshops	Responsibilities to Society		✓	✓
Elective Seminars[3] (Choose 2)	Research Ethics - Avoiding the Pitfalls of Research Misconduct			✓
Elective Seminars[3] (Choose 2)	Mentor and Mentee Responsibilities and Relationships			✓
Elective Seminars[3] (Choose 2)	Human Subjects in Research			✓
Elective Seminars[3] (Choose 2)	Data Management and Ownership			✓

[3] Topics vary from semester to semester. Two elective semesters must be completed in the first 24 months of receiving an NSF or NIH grant.

Foundations Training

Professional Series

Development Series

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