

Policy on Responsible Conduct of Research

Sources:

[NIH Responsible Conduct of Research Training](#)

[NSF America COMPETES Act and RECR Training Requirements](#)

[USDA Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research](#)

Integrity in research, scholarly, and creative activities is a University's paramount value.

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and the fundamental principles of **Research Integrity** – honesty, fairness, responsibility, and accountability are at the very essence of the Academic Research enterprise and crucial to society's trust in science.

A framework of Responsible Conduct of Research developed by the HHS [Office of Research Integrity](#) includes training topics on research misconduct, protection of human and animal subjects in research, conflict of interest, data management, mentor and trainee responsibilities, collaborative research, authorship and publications, peer review, biosafety, and whistleblowing.

All CSUSB employees, students and the individuals affiliated with CSUSB by a contract or agreement who engage in research and/or scholarly activities under the CSUSB or UEC auspices are subject to RCR and shall uphold the highest level of research integrity.

CSUSB requires training to ensure the highest ethical and professional standards for conducting research. RCR training is intended to promote awareness of principles and practices that facilitate ethical and professional conduct across all research disciplines.

The Office of Academic Research in consultation with faculty and staff developed [*The CSUSB RCR Training Plan*](#). This plan complies with the RCR training requirements set forth by the [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#), the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#) and [the United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#).

Associate Provost for Research maintains the plan.

CSUSB requires all CSUSB principal investigators (PI), co-principal investigators (co-PIs), senior and key personnel, postdoctoral, graduate, undergraduate students, trainees, and fellows who receive funding from NSF, NIH, and USDA complete the RCR training. The CSUSB RCR training plan is located [here](#).

The training can be completed using the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) and/or by completing an approved Research Ethics course or through other approved training mechanisms listed in the CSUSB RCR Training Plan. Please note that NIH requires at least 8 hours of face-to-face RCR training. For the complete description, visit the [NIH Update on the Requirement for Instruction in the Responsible Conduct of Research](#).