



WAYNE STATE
Graduate School

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH Training for PhD Students and Postdoctoral Scholars

All Wayne State University PhD students must complete responsible conduct of research (RCR) training. All postdoctoral fellows are highly encouraged to take the course and fellows supported by federal funding agencies or from Wayne State's Office of the Vice President for Research must also complete the course. The goal of this training is to ensure appropriate conduct of research at WSU and to meet regulatory requirements of the Higher Learning Commission and federal funding agencies.

The RCR program has three components: 1) a CITI online training module that introduces the basic concepts of RCR; 2) a half-day (5 hour) course (GS0900) presented by Wayne State Faculty that extends the online information and provides general Wayne State specific RCR information; and 3) field/discipline specific training provided by the trainee's department or program. The total amount of in-person RCR training (i.e. the one-day course plus the discipline-specific training) must total to at least 8 hours of face-to-face time with faculty.

All three components must be completed by all graduate students by the end of their second year. The course is also available to postdoctoral scholars, as needed.

To fulfill the RCR requirement, students (or postdoctoral scholars) should register for the Graduate School's 0 credit hour course GS-0900 "Essential Research Practices: Responsible Conduct of Research", which is offered in September and in January each year.

PhD students can register for the course [here](#) and follow the prompts. When searching for the course, enter **0900** in the course number box. The course will then appear with the course registration number **28964**. Click to add the course and proceed to complete the registration process. Postdoctoral fellows can register by contacting the Wayne State Postdoc office at postdoc@wayne.edu

Per NIH guidelines, RCR training must be refreshed every 4 years and all trainees must take an online refresher course after a four-year period.