

Ethical conduct of research educational approaches at UCR

The trainee will participate in training in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) as an integral part of his/her educational program. The trainee and his/her mentor will create an individualized program tailored for his/her needs by choosing among available options for a continuous exposure throughout the training period to the practice of scientific investigation with integrity. A campus plan for training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research has been developed to meet the NSF and NIH's educational requirements for all students and other trainees ([View the Plan](#)).

The Vice Chancellor for Research has established a campus RCR advisory committee consisting of faculty members, Associate Deans, and research administration personnel to advise the Office of Research Integrity on potential RCR training opportunities and to serve in the near term as a central clearing-house for information about campus resources for RCR training. The existing resources consist of 1) academic courses that are partly or entirely dedicated to awareness and application of established professional norms and ethical principles in the performance of scientific research (example: CMDB 208 "Bioethics"); 2) specialized workshops and courses offered by Colleges or administrative units (example: "Success and Leadership Skills for Academe," a workshop series offered by the Office of Research 2007-2009); 3) online course offerings provided by the Office of Research Integrity (example: CITI Course in the Responsible Conduct of Research); 4) departmental seminar series and/or presentations with the theme of responsible conduct of research (example: BMSC 254 [recurring seminars/discussions on good research practices]); and 5) formal and informal group sessions and mentoring activities conducted by faculty in the course of research. The campus will maintain a central listing of these opportunities and will proactively encourage the development of future training options.

The UCR Office of Research Integrity (Director, Bill Schmechel, <http://or.ucr.edu/RI/>) reports to the Vice Chancellor for Research. The Office of Research Integrity provides broad oversight for compliance with agency requirements for training in responsible conduct of research at the University of California, Riverside. The Office of Research Integrity will assist programs regarding the applicability of proposed RCR training opportunities, and their suitability in meeting campus and agency mandates.