

Responsible Conduct of Research

Responsible and ethical conduct of research is a priority for all researchers at Western Illinois University (WIU). Education and awareness of the responsible conduct of research (RCR) at WIU is part of the educational and compliance activities of the Office of Sponsored Projects.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) requires that the University have a process in place for training all researchers, including undergraduate and graduate students, who will participate in the funded research project.

The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) is the preferred RCR training program for all researchers, including undergraduate students and graduate students, who will participate in the proposed research project. CITI covers the following instructional areas:

- Introduction to the Responsible Conduct of Research
- Research Misconduct
- Data Acquisition and Management
- Responsible Authorship
- Peer Review
- Mentoring
- Conflicts of Interest
- Collaborative Research
- Human Subjects
- Animal Welfare

For each of the areas listed above, individualized training modules are available for Investigators in the humanities, physical sciences, and social and behavioral research areas. In addition to the online training, the Office of Sponsored Projects also provides Investigators the opportunity to attend a series of face-to-face responsible conduct of research training sessions throughout the academic year.

To access the CITI RCR training, please navigate to <http://www.citiprogram.org>.