Effective January 4, 2010, the National Science Foundation (NSF), by mandate of the United States Congress in the America Competes Act, Section 7009, requires all undergraduate students, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers supported by NSF funding to receive training in the responsible conduct of research (RCR). The Campus RCR Committee was charged with making recommendations to address the campus obligation to satisfy the NSF Policy. Below outlines the baseline RCR training approach recommended by the Committee and approved by the Research Policy Advisory Committee and the Vice Chancellor for Research. All departments were asked to identify a RCR Coordinator to assist in ensuring compliance with this requirement.

At the time a proposal is submitted to the National Science Foundation, Kim Moreland, the Authorized Organizational Representative, certifies that the University of Wisconsin has a RCR training plan in place.

University of Wisconsin-Madison Training Requirements

All undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers supported by NSF funding must take the “Responsible Conduct of Research” course in Learn@UW (https://learnuw.wisc.edu/). Modules in the course include:

- Publication and Authorship
- Ownership Rights in Copyright
- Intellectual Property
- Conflict of Interest
- Data Fabrication and Falsification
- RCR Policies, Procedures, and Resources

NSF Awards from January 4, 2010–July 15, 2010

All undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers supported by NSF projects awarded since January 4, 2010, will have a three month window, until October 13, 2010, to complete Responsible Conduct of Research training in Learn@UW (https://learnuw.wisc.edu/) without consequences for non-
completion. If training is not completed by October 13, 2010, the individual required to complete the training will be removed from the NSF award and paid with non-sponsored departmental funds.

**NSF Awards Issued after July 15, 2010**

PIs receiving NSF funding for research will be notified of this requirement in the NSF Notice of Award. The Graduate School Office of Research Policy will also notify the PI and the department of the requirements via email. In addition, individuals who must complete training will be identified via payroll records and notified of their training requirements. Once an individual is notified of the requirement, he or she will have 30 days to complete the training module in Learn@UW (https://learnuw.wisc.edu/). Subsequent email notices will be sent as reminders to complete training. If the individual does not complete the training within the 30 day window, he or she will be removed from the NSF award and paid with non-sponsored departmental funds.

The Graduate School has created look-up tools to assist PI’s and RCR Coordinators with tracking of completion requirements. Please login with your UW NetID and password.

**Principal Investigators:**
Investigator Awards: [https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/nsfrcr/myInfo.pl](https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/nsfrcr/myInfo.pl)

**RCR Coordinators:**
All Trainees: [https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/nsfrcr/allTrainees2.pl](https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/nsfrcr/allTrainees2.pl)
Award PI: [https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/nsfrcr/awardInvestigators.pl](https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/nsfrcr/awardInvestigators.pl)
Project PI: [https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/nsfrcr/projectInvestigators.pl](https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/nsfrcr/projectInvestigators.pl)

**Questions**

If you have questions or concerns regarding this new policy, please contact Heather Mc Fadden, Director of RCR Training, at [hmmcfadden@grad.wisc.edu](mailto:hmmcfadden@grad.wisc.edu) or call 608-890-2468.

Martin Cadwallader, Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School

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**Signature**

William Mellon, Associate Dean for Research Policy

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**Signature**

Kim Moreland, Director of Research and Sponsored Programs, University of Wisconsin-Madison Authorized Organizational Representative

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**Signature**

Robert C. Anderson

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**Date:** 12/3/10

**Date:** 12-03-10

**Date:** 12/6/10