College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Plan for Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Requirement for USDA NIFA 142-Funded Projects

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Clarification provided from Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (NERA) in February 2016, to all regional directors confirmed the Responsible Conduct of Research training is included as a term and condition for Hatch Formula Funds, including Hatch Regular, Hatch Multistate, McIntire-Stennis, and Evans-Allen Animal Health awards.

The UW College of Agricultural and Life Sciences has adopted the RCR training as described below. This policy is consistent with the training requirement adopted in November 2013 by the UW Research Policy Advisory Committee and approved by the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education on January 2014, for all participants on USDA-NIFA competitive awards.

Principal investigators, co-investigators and participants paid from USDA NIFA awards must take the “Responsible Conduct of Research” course in Learn@UW (https://learnuw.wisc.edu/). These personnel include, but are not limited to undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and sub-recipients. Prime recipients are obligated by USDA NIFA to extend this requirement to sub-recipients.

Modules in the course include:

- Publication and Authorship
- Ownership Rights in Copyright
- Intellectual Property
- Conflict of Interest
- Research Misconduct
- RCR Policies, Procedures, and Resources
To determine if your award is subject to this training requirement, please contact the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station (WAES):

Tel: 608-261-1432  
Fax: 608-265-9534  
waes@cals.wisc.edu

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education has created look-up tools to assist PIs and RCR Coordinators with tracking of completion requirements. Please login with your UW NetID and password.

Principal Investigators: https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/rcr/myInfo

RCR Coordinators: https://my.gradsch.wisc.edu/rcr/lookups