Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training

Learn@Northwestern, a digital learning platform, is a user-friendly system that will assign training, allow learners to register for training, send email notifications regarding training status, and track training compliance. Our goal is 100% compliance with NSF requirements for RCR training. This system significantly supports our goal by improving communication about training requirements and easily monitoring compliance.

Who: RCR training will be included in Phase One of the system’s implementation. RCR training will automatically be assigned to undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers supported by National Science Foundation (NSF) awards. Note that some departments, schools, and programs require RCR training for all graduate students and postdoctoral researchers regardless of funding and these requirements may also be assigned in the Learn@Northwestern system.

Where: Once the system is live, learners can go to Learn@Northwestern (https://learn.northwestern.edu) and log-in using their University NetID/Password to view assigned training.

What: RCR curriculums assigned to learners will appear under the “My Learning” tab. For detailed instructions, select the curriculum and view its description. The most significant change impacts only postdoctoral researchers who will now be required to register for RCR classes in Learn@Northwestern.

- Undergraduate students will complete web-based training (WBT) through the CITI online program and do not need to use the Learn@Northwestern system to register for training.

- Graduate students will register for instructor-led training (ILT) through CEASAR and complete web-based training (WBT), if additionally required by the department, through the CITI online program. They will not need to use the Learn@Northwestern system to register for training.

- Postdoctoral researchers will register for instructor-led training (ILT) through Learn@Northwestern and complete web-based training (WBT), if additionally required by the department, through the CITI online program.

When: Learn@Northwestern will go live on September 8, 2015.

For more information about Learn@Northwestern, please visit Learning & Organizational Development.

For more information about RCR requirements, please visit the Office for Research Integrity’s (ORI) website at: http://www.research.northwestern.edu/ori/training/rcr/index.html or contact Beth Irwin, Research Training Manager in ORI, at bethirwin@northwestern.edu.