

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (RCR) – Descriptions for grant applications

OUHSC Graduate College Policy

In accord with NIH requirements and recommendations, all Graduate College students and Postdoctoral Fellows must successfully complete Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) courses approved by the Graduate College Responsible Conduct of Research Committee.

Doctoral Students and Postdoctoral Fellows

Doctoral students in their first year of study take one of three approved courses: BMSC 5001 (Integrity in Scientific Research), NURS 6101 (Responsible Conduct of Research) or BSE 5111 (Scientific Integrity in Research). All of these contain face-to-face discussion classes that cover the nine topics recommended by NIH and are led by multiple faculty.

Fifth year graduate students complete the advanced course BMSC 6011 (Integrity in Scientific Research II) covering the nine topics in discussions led by a different group of faculty to those teaching the first year course.

Postdoctoral Fellows complete a training module with the same content and discussions as BMSC 6011. They receive a Certificate of Completion.

Master's Thesis Students

All Graduate College thesis Master's students must successfully complete a training program approved by the Graduate College Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Committee. Thesis master's students must fulfill this requirement prior to enrolling in Master's Thesis Research. Departments may choose one of the following options:

Option 1: Students successfully complete the online CITI Biomedical Responsible Conduct of Research, Basic Course **AND** complete discussion cases on RCR as part of a seminar series or incorporated into another course as determined by the program. Students must present to the program a certificate documentation completion of the CITI course and the program must verify participation in case presentations.

Option 2: Programs may have students enroll in one of the approved doctoral student courses if there is space and the course director agrees.

Non-thesis Master's Policy and Procedure

All Non-thesis Master's students must successfully complete the online CITI Biomedical Responsible Conduct of Research, Basic Course.