

CITI Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training course - instructions

General RCR Training is required for faculty and senior personnel on NSF proposals submitted on or after 7/31/2023 and for grant-budgeted trainees and students who do not otherwise take an approved RCR course. Note that other federal sponsors may also begin requiring RCR training.

There are 14 modules in the course, each addressing a different topic in RCR. Each module takes at least 15 minutes to complete, depending on familiarity with the topic.

All 14 modules of the “General RCR Training” course must be completed in order to successfully complete the General RCR course. An average score of at least 80% must be achieved to pass the course. The modules are presented in a required sequence:

- Introduction to RCR (RCR-Basic) (ID 17009)
- Research, Ethics, and Society (ID 15198)
- Authorship (RCR-Basic) (ID 16597)
- Collaborative Research (RCR-Basic) (ID 16598)
- Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (RCR-Basic) (ID 16599)
- Data Management (RCR-Basic) (ID 20896)
- Reproducibility of Research Results (ID 17756)
- Mentoring and Healthy Research Environments (RCR-Basic) (ID 20983)
- Peer Review (RCR-Basic) (ID 16603)
- Presentation of Research Findings (ID 19355)
- Plagiarism (RCR-Basic) (ID 15156)
- Research Involving Human Subjects (RCR-Basic) (ID 13566)
- Using Animal Subjects in Research (RCR-Basic) (ID 13301)
- Research Misconduct (RCR-Basic) (ID 16604)

To take the **General RCR Training** course in CITI:

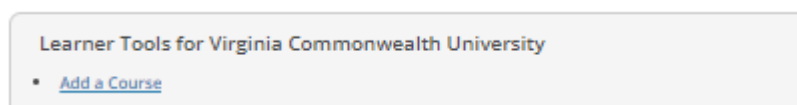
Go to citiprogram.org

Click  in the upper right of the screen

Click “Log in through my organization” for the Single Sign On (SSO) option – select “Virginia Commonwealth University”, click to continue

If you have previously set up a profile in CITI you will come to your Welcome page. If you have no profile, you will be instructed to create one.

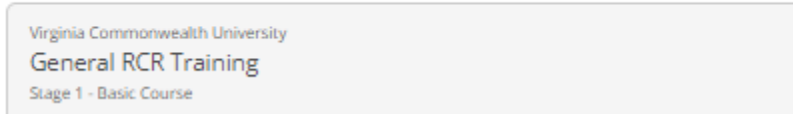
Scroll down to “Learner Tools for Virginia Commonwealth University” and click “Add a Course”:



Go to Question 5 and click “General RCR Training” to load the course into your Active Courses under your profile.

Active Courses

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Virginia Commonwealth University
General RCR Training
Stage 1 - Basic Course

VCU has access to completion data and is required to confirm completion of the General RCR Training course in CITI for relevant personnel if required by sponsors, such as NSF. Individual programs, departments, schools and colleges that require CITI RCR training will independently verify completion.

Individual CITI members can locate their completion records by logging into their CITI account, clicking “My Courses”, then “My Records” in the header of the CITI Program web pages.

Contact the office of Research Integrity & Ethics with questions – orie@vcu.edu