

VCU Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Courses

VCU offers the following courses pertaining to RCR training. For more information, see the [VCU Schedule of Classes website](#). All courses listed below satisfy NSF RCR training requirements, which are monitored by the Office of Research and Innovation. This course matrix indicates which courses also meet the NIH RCR training requirements. For faculty questions about adding a course to the matrix, contact the Office of Research Integrity and Ethics at orie@vcu.edu.

Term	Title	Lead Instructor	Course Information	Target Audience	Meets RCR Course Requirements	Course Contact
Spring and Summer	Responsible Scientific Conduct (OVPR 602)	TBA	1 credit (pass/fail); online synchronous with 5 class sessions, reading and writing assignments	Graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and faculty	NIH and NSF	Caley Dugan duganc@vcu.edu
Fall	Scientific Integrity (OVPR 601)	TBA	1 credit (pass/fail); online synchronous with 5 class sessions, reading and writing assignments	Graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and faculty	NIH and NSF	Caley Dugan duganc@vcu.edu
Fall	Responsible Conduct of Research (OVPR 603)	Ryan	1 credit (pass/fail); online includes reading and writing assignments	Graduate students (including those in the Preparing Future Faculty Program) and postdoctoral scholars (PFF Program graduate students have priority)	NIH and NSF	Dr. John Ryan jjryan@vcu.edu or pffprogram@vcu.edu
Fall	Chemistry Perspectives & Ethics (CHEM 693)	Hunnicutt	1 credit (graded as S/U/F); classroom-based; meets weekly for 1.25 hours/week	All graduate students in the chemistry, chemical biology, and nanoscience programs	NSF	Dr. Maryanne Collinson mmcollinson@vcu.edu
Spring	Introduction to Research (BIOL 392)	Golding	2 credits (graded A-F); Hybrid-flexible synchronous; meets bi-weekly for 50 minutes/week	Biology undergraduate students; available for other majors on request	NSF	Dr. Sarah Golding segolding@vcu.edu
Summer	Scientific Integrity: Responsible Conduct of Research	Brown	1 credit (graded A-F); online/classroom hybrid with 1 in-person session followed by video meetings and interactive online activities	Doctoral students in Nursing and Biomedical Sciences	NIH and NSF	Dr. Jo Robins jwrobins@vcu.edu

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Continuous enrollment	General RCR	CITI	0 credits; online only See CITI RCR training course instructions	Undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars in lieu of formal course. Faculty and senior personnel for awarded NSF proposals submitted on or after 7/31/2023.	NSF	You Lee Kim ylhkim@vcu.edu

NOTE: Before conducting research with human or animal subjects, additional online coursework is required. See VCU's [CITI Requirements](#) or VCU's [ACUP Training Requirements](#), respectively. The CITI RCR course does not substitute for required human or animal subjects ethics training.

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