

## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IMPLEMENTS NEW RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (RECR) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Colleagues,

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has issued a new mandate that expands the existing **Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research (RECR)** training requirements.

### **What is new?**

For proposals submitted to NSF on or after July 31, 2023, all researchers, including faculty, post-docs, graduate and undergraduate students, and other senior personnel named on proposals to NSF must complete RECR training before engaging in research projects sponsored by the NSF.

### **How is this different from NSF's previous policy?**

This requirement reflects two changes:

- the RECR training requirement has expanded, and now applies to **faculty and other senior personnel**, as well as undergraduates, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers, and
- the RECR training must include training on mentorship.

### **What is the Principal Investigator's responsibility?**

Principal Investigators are responsible for ensuring all researchers, including faculty, post-docs, graduate and undergraduate students, and other senior personnel supported through their grant(s) complete training at the start of work on the research project.

### **What training is required to satisfy the NSF RECR requirement?**

The Office of the Vice-President for Research is reviewing current RECR training modules in the CITI Program and the implementation of this new requirement. More information will be coming soon.

### **What do you need to do now?**

The Office of Research Compliance will be issuing additional guidance for this new training requirement. The implementation of this guidance will be in a manner that minimizes burden on investigators and study team members. New guidance will include both CITI Program modules to be completed as well as a timeframe for completion.

### **Who do I need to contact for more information?**

For questions about this the NSF RECR policy or questions about RECR training, please contact Rebecca Dahl at [rebecca.dahl@stonybrook.edu](mailto:rebecca.dahl@stonybrook.edu) in the Office of Research Compliance.