

Approved Courses on the Responsible Conduct of Research for predocs and postdocs

As the NLM Training Program is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), per 2009 NIH regulation NOT-OD-10-019 all trainees must take an approved Responsible Conduct of Research courses every four years and at each level of training: undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral.

For example, predocs who took a graduate level course more than 4 years ago must take another course. A postdoc who took a course within the past 4 years while in graduate school must still take a course at the postdoctoral level. The reasoning is that with increased training, one also has increased responsibilities that must be addressed in training in the Responsible Conduct of Research.

Courses offered only online such as CITI do not meet these federal requirements by themselves.

Trainees must provide the GCC with a transcript or certificate as proof of completion; the course name, number, institution, and date should be clearly identifiable.

The following are approved Responsible Conduct of Research courses:

1. **Rice University:** UNIV 594 Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research - for pre- and postdocs.
2. **BCM:** Grad 513 Science as a Profession (taken over four years) for predocs; or the Ethics for Postdocs course
3. **UTHSC-H:** GS210051 The Ethical Dimensions of the Biomedical Sciences for predocs; or the Postdoctoral Ethics course that is part of the Postdoc Certificate series.
3. **UT MD Anderson Cancer Center:** predocs take GS1 10051 at UTHSC-H; postdocs complete the Postdoctoral Ethics course.
4. **UT Medical Branch at Galveston:** MEHU 6101 Ethics in Scientific Research - pre- and postdocs; usually offered over 2 consecutive days in May and in November.
5. **University of Houston** does not currently offer a course which meets all NIH requirements.

Graduate students from UH can enroll in courses #2-4, using the inter-institutional course form available on this website. If there is a specific reason that you think precludes your attendance at these course, please contact the program administrator and you may be allowed to enroll in BCM's Fundamentals of Clinical Investigation (15 full evenings in August), which includes an ethics portion that satisfies the requirement.

Postdocs from UH must attend the course at UT Medical Branch at Galveston.