

National Science Foundation (NSF) Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research (RECR/RCR) Training

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

1. I completed the NSF CITI RCR training. It does not appear on my Workday Learning Transcript as completed.

Review the course description instructions. You must send a copy of your CITI RCR certificate of completion to learning@yale.edu to receive credit/satisfy the requirement in Workday Learning.

2. How do I know I need to take the required NSF RECR/RCR training?

The training is assigned to you and will appear on your Workday Learning homepage. You should also receive periodic emails to your Yale email address that advise this training is a required learning for you. There is a timeframe in which this training must be completed. The Program description in Workday Learning will advise of the timeframe of completion. If training is not completed in the required timeframe, the individual's supervisor will be notified of the overdue requirement.

3. How often do I need to complete NSF RECR/RCR training?

As of 1/29/24, the NSF RECR/RCR courses are a one-time requirement (unless prescribed differently by the sponsor or a given award).

4. Can I take a different NSF RECR/RCR training other than what was assigned to me in Workday Learning?

- a. You must take the RECR/RCR training specifically assigned to you in Workday Learning. If you are eligible for a different/equivalent course, the course owner will contact you about that option. Taking a course other than what is assigned to you will not satisfy your assigned requirement.
- b. If you have questions, review the table on the RECR/RCR webpage and contact the appropriate person given your role.

5. I am supported by NSF funding. An NSF RECR/RCR training is not assigned to me in Workday Learning.

If you believe you should be assigned this training, but it is not yet on your Workday Learning homepage, contact learning@yale.edu.

6. Have my old (pre-2024) NSF RCR trainings been transferred from TMS to my Workday Learning transcript?

Yes. If you are unable to locate a past course you do not see on your transcript, email learning@yale.edu.

7. I am faculty/senior personnel, when do I need to take the NSF RECR/RCR training?

Faculty/Senior Personnel are required to complete the RECR training assigned to them in Workday Learning within five months of the date of initial notification of the Workday Learning assignment.

8. When did the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training policy go into effect?

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training requirement became effective for new proposals submitted or due on or after January 4, 2010.

On January 30, 2023, the NSF published a revision to the RCR training requirement in its [NSF Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures](#). The above requirement was amended for *new* proposals submitted on or after July 31, 2023, to include faculty and senior personnel. The required RECR/RCR training of undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral researchers remains unchanged.

9. Who is ultimately responsible for ensuring the NSF RECR/RCR training has been completed?

The Principal Investigator (PI) is responsible to ensure the specific individuals that receive funding on an NSF award successfully complete the required RECR training assigned to them.