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# Campus Memorandum

From: Gene Larson, Director

To: Recipient P.I. of National Science Foundation (NSF) Funding

Subject: Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

Effective January 4, 2010 the NSF required that institutions receiving NSF grant funding must develop a plan to provide appropriate training and oversight to ensure students and researchers follow a “responsible and ethical conduct of research.” This required training applies to all students, research associates, research staff and/or postdocs that work on any NSF funded grant project. BYU has acquired an NSF sanctioned online tutorial that fulfills this requirement.

The tutorial used is in fulfillment of a federal regulation affecting all NSF funding. The examples and responses by the tutorial’s fictitious institutions may not necessarily exactly reflect the attitudes or probable responses of our institution. However, in general, this tutorial does address the national discussion concerning ethics in research and has been chosen as the mechanism by which BYU will comply with the federal regulation.

**As Principal Investigator** of NSF funding, it is your responsibility to:

1. Provide every student, research associate, research staff, or postdoc employee with a copy of this memo.
2. Encourage each employee to log on to the website below using their BYU credentials and complete the RCR training provided.

https://spo.byu.edu/rcr-registration-and-tutorials

ORCA will monitor your progress and completion of the tutorial. If you have any questions you may contact the Office of Research & Creative Activities (ORCA) at the address and phone number on the letterhead above.