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**From:** Christopher R. Agnew, Associate Vice President for Research

**Subject:** Purdue Standard on Responsible Conduct of Research – Researcher Training

**Date:** June 18, 2020

**Re:** New Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training Standard for all Purdue Researchers  
(Effective July 1, 2020)

***Please distribute this information to all faculty, postdocs, graduate students, undergraduate students involved in research, and research staff within your respective colleges and/or campuses.***

I write to update the Purdue research community about the new [Responsible Conduct of Research Standard \(S20\)](#) and associated processes and tools for tracking researcher training. Purdue's Office of Regulatory Affairs staff is ready to assist researchers as they work to complete the new RCR training.

The RCR training standard applies to all faculty, staff, trainees, graduate, and undergraduate students of the University who design and conduct research and/or report and publish research outcomes. It has two components: (1) a core online module, and (2) customized, field-specific discussions, workshops or seminars organized and administered by each college, school or center. Both components are tailored to the career stage of the researcher. The deadline for training completion varies by researcher type, as detailed in the [RCR Standard \(S20\)](#).

Regulatory Affairs has recently developed a new online application for tracking the completion of the first component, the core online module. All researchers at Purdue who have not completed this core training by required deadlines will be notified by our online application to do so.

The RCR standard assigns specific responsibilities for local oversight of the implementation of the second component of RCR training, field-appropriate training for each college, school or center. Regulatory Affairs will collaborate with Deans, Associate/Assistant Deans for Research, Regional Campus Vice Chancellors and Deans, Directors of research centers, the Graduate School, and the Office of Undergraduate Research to (a) identify researchers who are required to complete RCR training, (b) assist in designing and developing career stage- and research field-appropriate training, and (c) monitor completion of RCR training offerings.

Guidance on the training completion process as well as additional training materials will be available by July 1<sup>st</sup> on the EVPRP's [Researcher Training](#) website. As you review the new RCR standard and posted resources, please submit your ideas regarding topics we should consider adding to the Researcher Training website (email [RCRTraining@purdue.edu](mailto:RCRTraining@purdue.edu)). Questions or requests for assistance can be directed to Sean Courtney, Research Training Manager ([courtnes@purdue.edu](mailto:courtnes@purdue.edu) or 765-496-5175).

Thank you for your assistance in both crafting the standard and helping ensure that Purdue researchers conduct their research in an informed and responsible manner.