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Colleagues,

Education in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) has been mandatory for all WSU investigators since January 2006. The federal government, through the National Science Foundation, requires that WSU provide this training to all investigators.

At a recent Office of Research Advisory Council meeting (August 2013) it was recommended that this requirement be renewed every five years. In addition to completing this updated on-line training, I hope that all WSU PIs and co-PIs will be encouraged to seek out additional information and material when confronted with situations requiring more in-depth analysis.

The Responsible Conduct of Research training can be found at <https://myresearch.wsu.edu/>. The Office of Grant and Research Development (OGRD) will be responsible for monitoring the status of completion of this training when new awards are processed. All individuals listed as PI or co-PI on the eREX form will be required to have completed the RCR training within the preceding five year time period.

As stated in the [January 2006 Directives](#), OGRD and Sponsored Programs Services (SPS) will not be able to complete the account setup processes for new awards until all of a project's PIs and co-PIs have completed the necessary training.

Thank you,



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