

Dear colleagues,

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently issued [important updates](#) related to research security and training requirements. Key updates include the following:

Research Security Training (Effective October 10, 2025)

NSF Stipulation: All [senior/key personnel](#) (e.g. PIs, Co-PIs, project directors, co-project directors, and Faculty Associates) identified in an NSF proposal submitted on or after October 10, 2025 must certify to NSF that they have completed Research Security training within one year prior to the proposal submission.

What You Need to Do: *It is strongly recommended that all PIs, faculty, and senior/key personnel currently engaged or planning to be engaged in NSF-funded research **take Research Security training by October 10, 2025.*** ORPA will not submit an NSF proposal if training has not been completed.

Where to Access Resources/Training: Research Security training is accessible in [MyPath](#) by searching for “Research Security” in the search bar. The training will take approximately 1 hour and 35 minutes. More information on Research Security training can be found on the Office of Vice President for Research [website](#).

Risk Assessment and Required Documentation (Effective October 10, 2025)

NSF Stipulation: NSF reserves the right to conduct risk assessments to identify undisclosed information from senior/key personnel on proposals and awards. *The University must retain documentation related to foreign appointments, employment with a foreign institution, foreign talent recruitment programs and other information reported as current and pending (other) support as NSF may request this information at any time.* Documentation includes copies of contracts, grants, or any other agreements.

What You Need to Do: Be aware that we are evaluating our processes to ensure *that senior/key personnel disclose applicable documentation to the University. **In the coming months, we will issue further guidance*** on how the University and researchers will meet these requirements.

Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research (RECR) Training:

NSF Stipulation: NSF now requires RECR training for **all personnel** supported by NSF research (including undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral trainees, faculty, and senior/key personnel). The training must cover mentorship and mentor training, research security awareness, and Federal export control, disclosure, and reporting requirements.

What You Need to Do: The University's current RECR training is available through [CITI](#). We are currently reviewing and updating the available training modules to align with the new NSF requirements, and ***we will be providing details and completion deadlines in the near future.***

Regards,

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