



# RCR Overview for Doctoral Students

## The RCR Program

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# Responsible Conduct of Research at Georgia Tech

**Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)** is defined by the NIH "...as the practice of scientific investigation with integrity. It involves the awareness and application of established professional norms and ethical principles in the performance of all activities related to scientific research."\*



## RCR Topic Areas

- Authorship and Publication
- Collaborative Research
- Conflicts of Interest
- Data Management
- Environmental and Laboratory Safety
- Human Subjects Research
- Humane Use and Care of Vertebrate Animals in Research
- Peer Review
- Research Misconduct
- Responsibilities of Mentors and Trainees
- Science and Engineering in Society

**RCR training** is central to Georgia Tech's mission to ensure that students are prepared with the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct themselves professionally and with integrity. Thus, Georgia Tech enacted the:

- **RCR Policy for Doctoral Students**
- **RCR Policy for Master's Thesis Students**
- **RCR Compliance Policy**

\*<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-od-10-019.html>

# RCR Academic Policy for Doctoral Students

- Applies to **all new doctoral students**; as part of their degree requirements, doctoral students must complete:
  - 1) **online CITI RCR Training** within 90 days of enrollment

**AND**

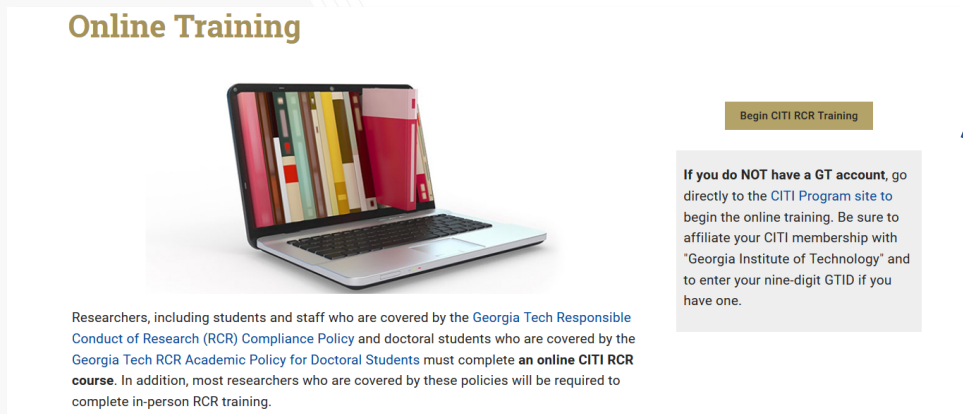
  - 2) **a Doctoral RCR Course**, preferably within the first year of enrollment
- Students who do not complete the online training by the 90 day deadline will receive a **hold on their course registration**
- All training must be completed before applying to PhD Candidacy
- Students may check their Academic Policy status in DegreeWorks

# RCR Online Training

The approved vendor is currently the **CITI Program**

Two options:

- RCR Basic Course or
- RCR Basic Course (with Animal Research Module)



**Online Training**

Researchers, including students and staff who are covered by the Georgia Tech Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Compliance Policy and doctoral students who are covered by the Georgia Tech RCR Academic Policy for Doctoral Students must complete an **online CITI RCR course**. In addition, most researchers who are covered by these policies will be required to complete in-person RCR training.

[Begin CITI RCR Training](#)

If you do **NOT** have a GT account, go directly to the [CITI Program site](#) to begin the online training. Be sure to affiliate your CITI membership with "Georgia Institute of Technology" and to enter your nine-digit GTID if you have one.

- Users must go through **GT's Single Sign-On link** in order for the training to be logged in their official GT records (be sure to select the **RCR** option from the CITI menu).
- Student records will be updated automatically after completion

[rcr.gatech.edu/online-training](https://rcr.gatech.edu/online-training)

# RCR Courses for Doctoral Students

All doctoral students must successfully complete either **PHIL 6000** or one of the **in-house training approaches** listed below. Instead of PHIL 6000, the following programs have an approved in-house RCR training approach for their doctoral students:

- Biological Sciences – BIOL 8106
- Biomedical Engineering – BMED 7004
- Building Construction – BC 8100
- Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering – ChBE 6001 and ChBE 6003
- Chemistry – CHEM 8002
- Civil and Environmental Engineering (Transportation) – CEE 8097
- Computational Science and Engineering – CSE 6001
- Computing – CS 7001
- Earth and Atmospheric Sciences – EAS 6000
- Mathematics – MATH 6001
- Physics – PHYS 8002
- Psychology – PSYC 6000
- Public Policy – PUBP 8101 and PUBP 8102

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# Important Information for Doctoral Students Funded by NSF or NIH

- The RCR training required by the RCR Academic Policy for Doctoral students also satisfies the RCR training required for doctoral students paid in whole or in part from covered awards funded by **NSF** or **NIH**.
- However, the in-person training **MUST** be completed within the **first year of the appointment to the award**. The exception to the one year deadline is when the “in-house” RCR course required by their home academic unit is not offered during the first year of the student’s doctoral program.

# Questions?

## Contact the RCR Program

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