

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training Requirements

What responsible conduct of research (RCR) training is required/accepted?

The **Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Researchers, Research Staff, and Administrators-Basic** course must be completed with at least a grade of 75%.

To access CITI training courses:

- Click on *RCR Training – CITI* on the [ORC webpage](#)
- Follow the instructions and screenshots exactly so you select the correct courses

Any researchers or staff who previously completed CITI's RCR training within the past three years while affiliated with another institution will not be required to complete the Basic Training if he/she does at least one of the following:

- Provide a copy of the previous transcript to orc@geisinger.edu
- Add Geisinger as an affiliate institution in CITI.

Who must complete RCR training?

All investigators and research staff listed on a Geisinger research study or grant application must complete RCR training through CITI.

In addition, all Post-Docs and Investigators with the following awards must complete a series of didactic RCR training courses: **D43, D71, F05, F30, F31, F32, F33, F34, F37, F38, K01, K02, K05, K07, K08, K12, K18, K22, K23, K24, K25, K26, K30, K99/R00, KL1, KL2, R25, R36, T15, T32, T34, T35, T36, T37, T90/R90, TL1, TU2, and U2R.** Please check the [ORC website](#) for the didactic training schedule.

What happens if the RCR-Refresher course is completed prior to previously completing the RCR-Basic course?

ORC staff will contact CITI who will expire the Refresher course completion to allow the research staff to complete the appropriate RCR-Basic course.

When must the RCR training be completed?

RCR training through CITI must be completed **PRIOR** to:

- Obtaining or becoming an investigator or research staff on a study at Geisinger
- Submitting a grant or research contract

All investigators must complete **RCR-Refresher** course **every three years** thereafter. If training expires, investigators will not be allowed to be included on a research study, grant, or contract.

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