RCR TRAINING CHEAT SHEET

What is RCR Training?
Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training is a series of online modules and a one-credit course that PhD students must complete, ideally within the first two years of the program. Full information can be found here.

If you are a master’s student receiving grant funding, you must complete RCR training.

How to complete RCR Training

Online Modules
Students must complete three online modules through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI): Authorship, Data Management, and Research Misconduct. These modules take approximately 1-2 hours to complete.

1. Sign up for a CITI Account
2. Affiliate with Boston University (please note that if you affiliate with Boston University Medical Campus through CITI, you will not be able to access the RCR course).
3. Select “Add a Course or Update Learner Groups.”
4. Select “BU RCR Program for Doctoral candidates and Post-Docs: All Audiences”

NOTE: Some students complete these trainings through the BU MED Campus. These will count towards your RCR Requirement. If you completed the online modules through the MED campus, please complete this form: https://www.bu.edu/biology/rcr-training/

Effective Fall 2023: ENG EK800
Students must register for a one-credit course, ENG EK800 Ethics and the Responsible Conduct of Research.

For students who started RCR Training prior to Fall 2023, please use the following guidelines:

- Already completed all of RCR Training (online training and all four workshops) -> you are all set and do not need to do anything else at this time
- Only completed the online training -> please register for ENG EK800 to complete RCR training
- Completed the online training and some of the workshops -> only attend the classes that correspond to the workshops you still need to complete. Specific dates can be found on the EK800 syllabus. Do NOT register for EK800.
  - Workshop 1=Weeks 1 and 5
  - Workshop 2=Weeks 2 and 4
  - Workshop 3=Week 3
  - Workshop 4=Week 8 and 9

How to check your progress
Students can see the RCR Trainings that they have completed here.