RCR TRAINING CHEAT SHEET

What is RCR Training?
Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training is a series of online modules and live workshops that PhD students must complete, ideally within the first two years of the program. Full information can be found here:
https://www.bu.edu/researchsupport/compliance/responsible-conduct-of-research/training-programs/rcr-for-doctoral-or-postdoctoral-researchers/.

If you are a master's student receiving grant funding, you must complete RCR training. Please contact the Graduate Program Specialist for additional information, as your requirements are different.

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 competed the online modules through the MED campus, please complete this form: https://www.bu.edu/biology/rcr-training/

Live Workshops
Students must attend four BU-led workshops. The workshops are: Data Integrity & Power and Positionality in the Academy (1), Shared Authorship & Setting Expectations (2), Peer Review & Implicit Bias (3), Research Misconduct (4). These workshops are offered each semester and each workshop is 2 hours long.

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

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