



Moravian University Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training Program

Moravian University takes seriously the obligation to implement and support best practices in research. The Human Subjects Internal Review Board (HSIRB) provides guidance to ensure RCR training is mandatory for all faculty and students working on federally funded grants (receiving pay, academic credit, volunteer hours, or working with federally funded research instrumentation).

Faculty Principal Investigators (PIs) have the responsibility for training the undergraduate and graduate students.

Moravian University, through LVAIC, has partnered with the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) online program to provide faculty and students the opportunity to participate in online research ethics and education. Faculty and students doing research with human subjects should use the Human Subjects Research RCR modules found through CITI at www.citiprogram.org. Faculty can register through a link on <https://lvaic.org/for-faculty/faculty-development-conferences/>. In the top paragraphs, you will see a link for CITI that says register for an account here. Once you click on that just follow the directions to register yourself. Faculty and students must successfully complete the appropriate CITI module of RCR training before beginning their projects.

CITI training modules include:

Responsible Conduct of Research Basic Course
Human Subjects Research - Biomedical Research Investigators
Human Subjects Research - Social and Behavioral Research Investigators
Research with data or laboratory specimens only (no direct contact with human subjects)
Laboratory Animal Research

For students engaged in research as a part of a course, an honors project, or the Student Opportunities for Academic Research (SOAR) program, an alternative to the CITI training is training provided by the National Institutes of Health at <https://phrp.nihtraining.com#!/login>.

Monitoring Compliance

RCR training should be completed prior to the faculty and student starting work on the project. In order to document that the University is providing the necessary oversight, researchers are responsible for ensuring that a certification form, including the titles of the CITI training modules or NIH training that the faculty and students have completed and signed by the faculty member, be submitted to:

Dr. Robert Breckinridge, Director of Foundation Relations, for all federally-funded grants (NSF, NIH)

Dr. Jean DesJardin, Chair of Human Subjects Internal Review Board, for all other faculty-student projects

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