

## Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarship

As research has become more complex, more collaborative, and more costly, issues of research ethics have become similarly complex, extensive, and important. The education of graduate students at Penn State must prepare students to face these issues in their professional lives. The SARI (Scholarship and Research Integrity) program at Penn State is designed to offer graduate students comprehensive, multilevel training in the responsible conduct of research (RCR), in a way that is tailored to address the issues faced by students in individual programs.

Beginning with the incoming class of 2009, all graduate students at Penn State are required to complete SARI requirements during their graduate program of study. The SARI program has two parts:

- 1) During the first year of enrollment, graduate students will complete an online RCR training program provided by the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI; see box at right). The Office for Research Protections (ORP) provides the conduit to this training via the SARI Resource Portal on the ORP website ([www.research.psu.edu/orp/sari](http://www.research.psu.edu/orp/sari)).
- 2) Graduate students are required to engage in an additional five hours of discussion-based RCR education prior to degree completion. These discussions will encompass both universal and discipline-specific material. Each college has developed a unique plan for how graduate students in their programs will meet the requirement for discussion-based RCR education.

### CITI PROGRAM

[www.research.psu.edu/orp/sari](http://www.research.psu.edu/orp/sari)

The CITI program can be accessed through the SARI Resource Portal on the ORP website.

Students must first register with CITI and create a unique user name and password. Be sure to select "Pennsylvania State University" (NOT Hershey) as your institution.

On the Curriculum Selection page, check the course that is required by YOUR graduate program.

You may log in and out as often as you like to complete the course.

When you have completed the course (with 80% or higher scores on the quizzes), you will receive a completion report. You should deliver a copy of that report to your program administrator for record-keeping.

Questions? Contact your graduate program administrator or send an email to: [sari@psu.edu](mailto:sari@psu.edu). Additional information can be found at [www.research.psu.edu/orp/sari](http://www.research.psu.edu/orp/sari)

## The Office for Research Protections

The SARI Program was initiated by Penn State's Office of the Senior Vice President for Research and the Graduate School, and is administered by the Office for Research Protections (ORP). ORP provides support to the research community through educational and administrative services, including the formation and administration of

compliance committees, assistance with protocol preparation and review, and offering seminars, workshops and training in the responsible conduct of research. We are always happy to answer questions. The ORP is located in Innovation Park at 205 The 330 Building. Contact information can be found at [www.research.psu.edu/orp](http://www.research.psu.edu/orp).