New faculty: More SARI@PSU options!

Beginning September 1, 2011, Penn State’s Scholarship and Research Integrity (SARI) program began including new faculty. In response to feedback from participants, the requirement for new faculty has been modified to accommodate the varied experiences and backgrounds of new hires, and to allow more flexibility for faculty. The requirements for undergraduate researchers, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows have not changed. The table below summarizes the updated SARI@PSU format:

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<th>Targeted group</th>
<th>Part 1: Online training (CITI)</th>
<th>Part 2: Discussion-based training</th>
<th>Tracking mechanism</th>
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<tr>
<td>Undergrad researchers</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>Faculty advisor</td>
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<td>Graduate students</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>5 hours before graduation</td>
<td>Graduate program and ORP</td>
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<td>Postdoctoral fellows</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>Faculty advisor</td>
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<td>New full-time faculty</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>2 hours; 1 hour continuing education every three years</td>
<td>Self-reporting to ORP via website</td>
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New faculty will receive a letter from ORP describing the SARI program and what they need to do. Within the first year of employment, faculty should complete two hours of SARI program participation. Appropriate activities are determined by the faculty member, and may include (but are not limited to):
- Online CITI course completion. Any of the many Penn State CITI course options will satisfy this requirement, including human subjects research (IRB) courses, RCR courses, and refresher-length courses. Note that CITI courses are no longer a required component of SARI@PSU for faculty, but remain an available option.
- Participation in (or leading) workshops or seminars focusing on the responsible conduct of research, or similar professional ethics-related content. These activities may take place at PSU, or at another institution, or at a professional conference (for example).

In their letter from ORP, new faculty will be given instructions for navigating to the SARI Resource Portal to access a personalized website, where they can provide information about their participation in SARI@PSU activities.

SARI@PSU Frequently Asked Questions

**Are all faculty required to participate in SARI@PSU?**
Only faculty hired on or after September 1, 2011, are included. They will receive a letter from ORP that describes the program and provides an individual login ID to the SARI tracking system.

**How much time will this require?**
Faculty may design their own SARI@PSU program that fits their schedule and discipline. Options include taking a full-length CITI course (approximately 4 hours) or a shorter refresher course (1-2 hours). Users may log in to CITI as often as they like to complete the course as their schedule allows. The CITI human subjects course also fulfills SARI, if faculty need that course for IRB approval. SARI@PSU participation can also be fulfilled through teaching or attending appropriate workshops or seminars at PSU or other institutions or conferences. Workshop participation may be combined with CITI courses to fulfill the two-hour requirement.
SPRING 2012 WORKSHOPS

SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH ETHICS BROWNBAG SERIES

February 21, 12-1 p.m., Bennett Pierce Living Center (110 Henderson)
Issues in scientific publishing: An editor’s perspective
David Pacchioli, Associate Director, Research Communications

March 21, 12-1 p.m., Bennett Pierce Living Center (110 Henderson)
Are you protecting your data?
Ed Smiley, Enterprise Security Analyst for Penn State Security Operations and Services

April 10, 12-1 p.m., Bennett Pierce Living Center (110 Henderson)
Animal rights, animal welfare, and animal well being: A discussion on the history of these movements
Jacob Werner, Assistant Professor of Veterinary Medicine and Dairy and Animal Sciences

April 11, 12-1 p.m., Bennett Pierce Living Center (110 Henderson)
Ethical challenges in studying disparity in application of PA’s death penalty: From prosecutors to jurors to defendants
John Kramer, Professor of Sociology and Crime, Law, and Justice

IRB 101 BROWNBAG SERIES: Research Centers & Institutes

February 9, 12-1 p.m., 102 Kern Graduate Building
Social, Life, and Engineering Sciences Imaging Center
Anna Engels, Assistant Director

February 22, 12-1 p.m., 102 Kern Graduate Building
Population Research Institute
Jennifer Van Hook, Director, and Sarah Irwin, Data Archivist

April 4, 12-1 p.m., 102 Kern Graduate Building
Center for Food Innovation
Pete Bordi, Director

April 19, 12-1 p.m., 102 Kern Graduate Building
Geographic Information Analysis Core
Tse-Chuan Yang, Director

Bring your lunch to our Brownbag workshops—we provide drinks and cookies! Space is limited, so to be sure to get a seat, please come early!

RCR in FOCUS

Brad Woods and Sharon Shriver, Office for Research Protections

February 16, 12-1:30 p.m. Bennett Pierce Living Center (110 Henderson)
Censoring science: The avian influenza case

April 17, 12-1:30 p.m. Bennett Pierce Living Center (110 Henderson)
Between the Lions: Plagiarism and the Penn State logo

Pre-registration for each RCR in Focus Series workshop is required; earns one hour of SARI credit. Please visit research.psu.edu/training for more information.

Tracking forms due June 15!

Download your program’s SARI Tracking Form from your program folder on the Angel website (www.angel.psu.edu). Add the names of all graduate students that entered your program during 2011-2012, and information for students that have completed SARI@PSU activities. Save a copy and upload the completed form to the ANGEL dropbox. Questions? Contact us!

Useful Links:

SARI @ PSU Resource Portal:
www.research.psu.edu/orp/sari

CITI Online training
www.citiprogram.org

ANGEL Course Management System:
www.angel.psu.edu

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