



HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES

Training and Certification Plan for the Responsible Conduct of Research

Because responsible and ethical conduct of research (RCR) is critical for excellence and for public trust in science, education in RCR is considered essential in the preparation of future scientists and engineers. Consequently, Hobart and William Smith Colleges requires that every undergraduate research student, graduate research student, or post- doctoral researcher complete training. This policy is consistent with current requirements of both the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health, as well as with Section 7009 of the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Sciences (COMPETES) Act.

This policy is implemented as follows:

- By submitting the Colleges' Proposal Authorization Form, each Principal Investigator submitting a proposal for external funding acknowledges his/her responsibility to ensure that any research student funded by the grant completes the required RCR training.
- By signing the Colleges' Summer Research Program Acceptance Letter, each summer research student confirms that he/she will complete RCR training.
- In co-signing a student's Summer Research Program Acceptance Letter, each faculty sponsor of a research student accepts responsibility to ensure that the student completes RCR training.

Detailed information on completing RCR training is found [here](#).