

Sample USDA NIFA RCR Training Plan: The Lab and Interactive Discussion

Project title:

Start date:

End date:

PI:

Additional members of research team:

Learning objectives: raise awareness, convey norms and expectations, develop skills, and provide resources for navigating the ethical issues that can arise when proposing, performing, reporting, and evaluating research

RCR Educational Activities

Stage 1:

Every member on the research team will complete *The Lab* (an interactive movie on research misconduct) three times playing a different character each time (PI, postdoc, and graduate student). After completing the movie, the team will gather to share their experience, identify the issues raised by the movie, and discuss norms and expectations for their discipline and best practices for their research project. At a minimum, this discussion will cover issues of responsible authorship and publication, plagiarism and research misconduct, data and research integration, and policies for handling and reporting misconduct.

The team will complete the movie and discussion within the first 3 months of the project.

Stage 2:

The PI and senior personnel will try to identify and address ethical issues as they arise in our work, and trainees will be encouraged ask to questions and raise concerns.

This stage will continue for the duration of the project.