

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES SYSTEM

CHANCELLOR'S PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY 435:  
RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL CONDUCT OF RESEARCH

I. PURPOSE

This policy is to promote and comply with requirements of certain federal sponsors (listed below) and to implement a Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training plan for certain individuals funded by these federal sponsors. The following procedures have been approved by the Chancellor pursuant to VSC Policy 435, Externally Funded Research

II. PROCEDURES

A. National Science Foundation (NSF)

As required by the NSF, all personnel who conduct NSF-supported research must receive training in the responsible and ethical conduct of research (RECR).

RECR Training Plan:

1. The PI will notify all students, faculty, senior personnel, and staff performing work on an NSF award that they must complete the RCR Basic Training Course offered through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI).
2. The PI will provide each institution's Office of Sponsored Programs (or equivalent office) with a list of students working on NSF awards. The Office of Sponsored Programs, or equivalent office,

1. A brief description of the field setting and the unique challenges for the team.
2. The steps the proposing organization will take to nurture an inclusive off-campus  
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2. Faculty Participation: Faculty are encouraged to contribute to formal and informal RCR instruction.
3. Duration: Instruction should consist of at least 8 contact hours between the



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Chancellor

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