

WHY RCR TRAINING MATTERS

The University of Kentucky (UK) has required that all researchers and research-eligible individuals complete Responsible Conduct of Research & Scholarly Activity (RCR) training every 2 years to ensure there is at least a baseline of RCR training throughout the wider research community.

RCR DATA MODEL

The RCR data model has increased efficiency in monitoring the progress of mandatory training, training deadlines, and annual training requirements to ensure all researchers and research-eligible individuals complete the RCR training.

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TRAIN THE TRAINER PROGRAM

UK ORI staff created a train-the-trainer program, offering RCR case studies, an instructional manual with key resources, and a Teams Channel for ongoing support. Training also included guidance on registration and attendance tracking.

DEVELOPMENT OF CASE STUDY LIBRARY

The in-person RCR training includes a resource library with case studies in various formats and subjects to meet the educational needs of departments and centers across the institution.

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE RCR TRAINING NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

A university-wide notification system was developed to alert researchers of their RCR training status, using data to prompt them when their training is nearing expiration or incomplete.

EXEMPTION FROM REQUIRED RCR TRAINING

Any UK employee or trainee who believes they should be exempt from the process can submit the online Exemption Request for review and decision through an institutional process.

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EFFECTIVENESS OF RCR TRAINING

- **96%** completion rate
- Over **72%** of survey respondents indicated the training positively impacted their behavior.
- Almost **80%** were confident in their ability to convey what they learned to others.