

Recent legislation requires the National Science Foundation to verify that all undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows participating in research on its grants have undergone training in the responsible and ethical conduct of research. By 1 January 2010, all Universities must have plans for the certification of training in the responsible conduct of research, and those plans must be made available to NSF on demand.

Training in the responsible and ethical conduct of research for undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and postdoctoral fellows participating in research on its grants from National Science Foundation

Social Sciences Division

1. All undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and postdoctoral fellows participating in research on grants from the National Science Foundation must undergo training in the responsible and ethical conduct of research and must certify completion of training *before* beginning work on the grant. The training for researchers in the Social Sciences Division is conducted online by the Collaborative Institutional Training Institute (CITI): <https://www.citiprogram.org/default.asp?language=english>. Participants will receive certification of completion of training from CITI by email.
2. A copy of the certification email *must* accompany (or be on file) for all requests
 - a. To the Social Sciences Local Business Center (LBC) for addition to NSF grant payroll for undergraduate and graduate students (to the Department Administrator in the case of Economics);
 - b. To the Social Sciences Deans Office for appointment as an NSF-supported postdoctoral scholar or postdoctoral fellow.

No appointments for payroll or for postdoctoral status on NSF-supported projects can be completed without a copy of training certification.
3. Principal Investigators (PIs) have the responsibility to demand that certification of training be presented to the Social Sciences Deans Office in the event that a postdoctoral scholar or fellow with an approved appointment begins work on research sponsored by the NSF.

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