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**Dear Investigators,**

**Starting in 2024, new federal funding Rules, Restrictions, Conditions and Research Security requirements will be introduced into the Research enterprise ecosystem.**

These new rules and regulations are a result of federal agencies implementing the provisions of [National Security Presidential Memorandum 33](#) (NSPM-33) and the [CHIPS and Science Act of 2022](#) (CHIPS Act).

One of the many requirements requires UVM to implement a Research Security Program, addressing the following 4 elements:

- 1. Cybersecurity Program**
- 2. Foreign Travel Security**
- 3. Research Security Training\***
- 4. Export Control Training**

\*Element 3, **Research Security Training** was created by the National Science Foundation, in partnership with the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense and is now available to the research community.

### **Why Research Security Training?**

Research Security Training provides recipients of federal and non-federal research funding with information on risks and threats to the global research ecosystem — and the knowledge and tools necessary to protect against these risks.

Recipients will learn key concepts of research security and how to recognize situations that may indicate undue foreign influence and better understand the regulatory landscape that shapes research security. Recipients will also discover that we have a responsibility to safeguard the core values that underpin U.S. academic research.

### **Who is Required to take this Training?**

All Investigators must complete this training.

Investigator is defined as all individuals designated as key personnel in a proposal submission or in carrying out award activities.

We also encourage all research administration staff, support staff, lab techs, postdocs and students complete this training.

The training requirement will apply to both federal and non-federal sponsored research projects.

### **What is the Timeline for Completion?**

We would like to see all Investigators complete the Research Security Training by June 30, 2024.

Most likely on July 1, 2024, we will put a hard stop on the SPA award set-up process until all Investigators on the award completes Research Security Training.

## Where is this Training?

Research Security Training modules are available online at CITI.

We are directing Investigators to use the online CITI Training modules which allows UVM to track, account and certify Investigators training completion.

The Investigators training complete certification will automatically upload to UVMClick - Grants and be available for SPA staff to ensure Investigators complete the trainings.

Investigators must complete all 4 modules and achieve an average score of at least 80% on all quizzes.

- Introduction to Research Security (ID 21304)
- The Importance of Disclosure (ID 21305)
- Risk Mitigation and Management (ID 21306)
- The Importance of International Collaboration (ID 21307)

## Navigation To CITI

To complete the required Research Security Training, please follow the navigation below to CITI.

1. Always login to CITI through the [“LOG IN THROUGH MY ORGANIZATION”](#).
2. This allows you to use your net id and connect your trainings to UVM.
3. Use the Search Box and Find “University of Vermont”.
- Follow these instructions to sign up for Research Security Training:
  1. Select “View Courses”
  2. Scroll down to “Learner Tools for University of Vermont,” and select “Add a Course.”
  3. At Question 1, select “Research Security” and click “Next”.
  4. On the next screen, select “Research Security Training” click “Next”.
  5. The 4 research security modules have been added to your “My Courses” and you may begin.
    - Introduction to Research Security (ID 21304)
    - The Importance of Disclosure (ID 21305)
    - Risk Mitigation and Management (ID 21306)
    - The Importance of International Collaboration (ID 21307)

Each module should take about 60 minutes to complete.

You can leave a module and return without losing progress.

When you complete the training and achieve an average score of at least 80% on all quizzes, a complete certification is issued and is automatically uploaded to UVMClick overnight.

## Regulations?

- [OSTP NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance \(page 4\)](#)
- [CHIPS and Science Act, Research Security Training Requirement, SEC. 10634](#)
- [CHIPS and Science Act, Investigator Definition, SEC. 10637 \(1\)](#)

## Questions?

Questions may be directed to my attention at [Brian.Prindle@uvm.edu](mailto:Brian.Prindle@uvm.edu).

Thank you and we appreciate everyone's cooperation.

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