

## Memorandum

To: University Research Community

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Subj.: National Institutes of Health (NIH) Mandatory Research Security Training

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The Office of Research and Economic Development would like to advise the university research community that in accordance with [NIH Notice NOT-OD-26-017](#), effective for applications submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2026, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will require each covered individual (NIH defines this as any senior/key personnel listed on an NIH grant application) must certify that they have completed Research Security Training (RST) within 12 months of the date of application submission.

FIU has partnered with the CITI Program to provide security training options that satisfy the NIH Other Support training requirements. The CITI Program has two online training options available for the FIU Research Community as follows:

- **Research Security Training (Initial Combined Course)**
  - o The combined course is a condensed training course based on the NSF SECURE Center Consolidated Training Module (CTM) V.1 which condenses the four NSF modules in a single succinct training that meets the requirements of Section 10634 of the CHIPS and Science Act as well as the NIH Other Support training requirement.
- **Research Security Advanced Refresher (Annual Refresher)**
  - o Subsequent annual compliance with this NIH training requirement will be addressed via fulfilling the annual Research Security Training Refresher course which will be required by the NIH to be taken 12 months after the initial training.

Below are the steps to access the training course:

1. Go to <http://www.citiprogram.org>
2. If you are a “new” user, you will need to register and select “Florida International University” from the Participating Institutions
3. If you are an “existing” user, then login with your CITI Program username and password.
4. When asked which course you plan to take, please select “Research Security”
5. Select the “Research Security Training (Combined Course)”

Please note that the training requirements also apply to any subawardees in your applications that are listed as senior/key personnel.

As a reminder, and in tandem with the requirements of Section 10634 of the CHIPS and Science Act, participating in a malign foreign talent recruitment program is prohibited.

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If any member of the university community is approached by any foreign talent recruitment program, please do not respond and reach out to Robert Gutierrez, Associate Vice President for Research at [gutierr@fiu.edu](mailto:gutierr@fiu.edu).

If there are any questions related to this NIH mandated training requirement due **within 12 months prior to proposal submission**, please reach out to Ludmilla Champagne, Senior Director for Proposal Services at [preaward@fiu.edu](mailto:preaward@fiu.edu).