



ORIC newsline

The West Virginia University Office of Research Integrity & Compliance (ORIC)

[ORIC](#) is committed to helping faculty, staff, and students comply with all applicable federal, state, and institutional requirements and policies. Research integrity and compliance areas covered by this office include human research protections, animal welfare, biosafety, conflict of interest in research, export control and the responsible conduct of research. The ORIC Newsline online newsletter has the goal of keeping the WVU research community informed and up-to-date on policies and procedures, guidelines, educational programs, regulatory changes, and monitoring and accountability in these areas.

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All new submissions and changes to existing approved research studies will soon need to go through the WVU+kc system.

Exemptions and NHSRs must now be submitted using the WVU+kc system.

More system training is being offered throughout the semester.

New Guidance and Training for WVU+kc

The WVU+kc (KC) electronic research administration system will soon be replacing the BRAAN submission system entirely. In order to help guide you during this process, we have created guidance for migrating a protocol from BRAAN to KC (<http://oric.research.wvu.edu/r/download/165110>) and for creating amendments in KC on existing protocols in that system (<http://oric.research.wvu.edu/r/download/163728>). We have also created a useful glossary of vocabulary and terms commonly used in KC (<http://oric.research.wvu.edu/r/download/163727>).

To further assist you, we are now currently offering classroom training and one-on-one training for migrating any protocols you may have in BRAAN over to KC.

Continued Basic KC Training

We will continue to offer the basic KC training since there has been high demand for the course. You can register for both courses by visiting the WVU Calendar at <http://oric.research.wvu.edu/r/download/163727> and searching for keyword WVU+kc.

KC System Now Moving Faster

The Research IT office and the ORIC are constantly working together to enhance your KC experience. Recently, new updates have drastically improved the speed of the system during saves and moving from one tab to the next. Moreover, as of November 2nd, another update was made to improve the save speed (especially the initial save for protocols) and reduce the clutter that was present on the researcher's main menu. If you have any suggestions to help improve the system, please contact us and we would be happy to assist you.

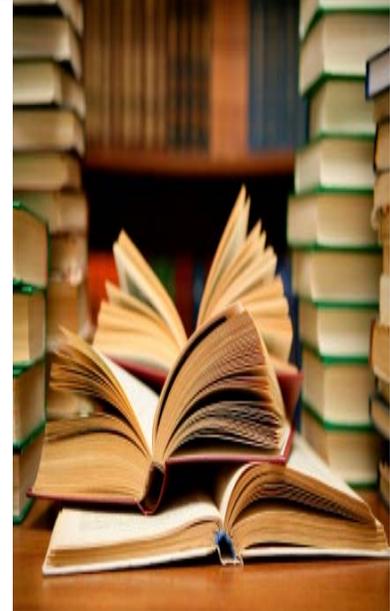
Why is the Responsible Conduct of Research Important?

Over the last decade, research compliance and the responsible conduct of research have received increasing attention and responsive action from the scientific community. The broad forces behind that heightened consideration are the increasing potential rewards that can be garnered from innovation and the changing scale of research. The more specific driving factors are an increase in regulatory requirements, the influence of publicized compliance breakdowns at institutions of higher education, and heightened scrutiny from the media, advocacy groups and government. An added element is the idealistic desire of many scientists to attain a high ethical standard while practicing what many perceive as humanity's best hope for advancement to a more supportive and fulfilling existence, namely the scientific enterprise. The practical side of all this reflection and action can be summarized in a line from the recent National Academies publication *Integrity in Scientific Research*: "The public will support science only if it can trust the scientists and institutions that conduct research."

However, trust has to be thought of in its broadest sense and not just applicable to the individual research practitioner. Research institutions will only flourish when those who support them and ultimately make use of their product, i.e., the public, have high regard for their ways and means. Many academic institutions such as WVU have internalized this insight and have expanded their responsible conduct of research (RCR) training programs concomitantly to meet the needs of a more demanding and competitive era. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) have had an RCR education and training requirement in place for their training grants for nearly two decades, and WVU has offered courses to meet that requirement. The new initiatives are in response to recent federal requirements but are in keeping with the University's avowed commitment to academic integrity as specified in its Academic Integrity Committee Policy to be found at the following web address:

<http://www.wvu.edu/~lawfac/mmcidiarmid/aic/Final%20RIC%20Policy%20WVU%205-9-11.pdf>

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RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT

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The responsible conduct of research has gained increasing attention over the past decade.

NSF and NIH-funded studies should visit our website or contact our office to make sure compliance has been achieved.



Weaning and Harem Breeding of Mice and Rats

The following information change to the Breeding and Weaning of Rats and Mice at WVU Policy will supersede the existing weaning policy, where applicable, until further notice:

If a Principal Investigator's breeding strategy results in two litters occupying the same cage, the older litter must be weaned before the new litter is born. Failure to do so presents two potential animal welfare issues; namely overcrowding and trauma to newborn pups. To prevent this from occurring, litters should be weaned between postnatal days 17-20; otherwise the usual 21 day weaning policy applies (unless the PI has an approved exception in their protocol to wean later). Investigators are expected to provide supportive care such as moistened chow and daily observation until the weaned litter is clearly self-sustaining.

Cage found to contain two litters will be reported to the PI. This is expected to occur only occasionally when delivery/birth dates are misjudged or the new litter escapes notice. In addition, OLAR personnel will transfer the entire older litter into a separate cage, supply moistened chow, and copy all relevant cage card information on to a new cage card for the new cage. The PI must separate the weaned litter into appropriate cages within 24 hours of notification; otherwise OLAR will perform this service at the PI's expense.

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Important dates:

- IACUC meetings are the first Wednesday of every month
- Protocols and amendments are due on the 15th of each month

Important resources:

- The IACUC approved policies and those up for public comment can be found at <http://oric.research.wvu.edu/animal/guidelines>

Biological Safety

The process has begun to obtain the Infectious medical waste permit for Ag Sciences & the Biology department. In-person Bloodborne Pathogen Training has begun for the day shift & the night shift HSC maintenance personnel.

Biological Safety Education and Training Updates

The biological safety officer will now be conducting both biosafety orientation training and in-person training related to biosafety and bloodborne pathogens.

The biosafety orientation is targeted toward biomedical research on all WVU campuses. The bloodborne pathogens training will be offered on a monthly basis on the third Friday of each month at 1 p.m. in room 209 of the Chestnut Ridge Research Building. For detailed directions to our office location, please visit <http://oric.research.wvu.edu/location>.



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Protocol submission forms for IBC protocols will soon be changing.

In-person bloodborne pathogens training will be offered every third Friday at 1 p.m. in room 209 of the Chestnut Ridge Research Building.



CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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New University regulations regarding COIR went into effect on August 24th, 2012.

Part of the new regulations requires COIR CITI training for all researchers.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://oric.research.wvu.edu/conint>.

New Conflict of Interest in Research Disclosure Process and Form

The Office of Research Integrity and Compliance (ORIC) is very happy to announce the improvements in the conflict of interest in research disclosure process. We will no longer require that a project-specific Disclosure of Interest in Research Form (DOIR) be filed by each investigator, rather an annual form may be filed and updated as necessary. Please see the details below.

Federal regulations require the University to manage any potential conflicts of interest through an appropriate management process which is initiated and generally resolved through disclosure.

WVU Investigators are required to file a DOIR form annually, and on an ongoing basis within 30 days of discovery or acquisition of a new financial interest. Further, Investigators should review and make any necessary revisions to the annual DOIR form:

- 1) With each new, continuation, or revised grant or contract application submitted to the Office of Sponsored Programs,
- 2) With each new protocol involving animal or human subjects, and;
- 3) When there is a new or previously unrecognized financial interest not reported on the annual DOIR.

If there is no additional information to report and the annual DOIR form is current and on file at the ORIC, no further action is required of the Investigator. Please use the following link to access our new electronic form:

<http://oric.research.wvu.edu/conint/disclosure-of-interest-in-research>

Our new form has been active since mid-July and has been received very well by those who have used it thus far. We encourage the entire WVU research community to visit the ORIC [website](#) for further guidance concerning the new forms and processes.

Please Contact [Joy Edwards](#) (304) 293- 5475 with any questions or comments concerning Conflict of Interest in Research.

Schedule of Upcoming ORIC Presentations

To access the ORIC calendar of upcoming events and presentations, please click [here](#). Search under Keyword (near the top right), and type in “research integrity,” then press enter. You will want to click on the event you would like to find more information about. If the event requires registration, you will need to click *register* at the top right of the screen.

The ORIC, Now on Facebook

The ORIC now has a presence on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-University-Office-of-Research-Integrity-Compliance-ORIC/299775123444843>.

Please “like” the WVU ORIC Facebook page so you can receive regular and immediate updates on policies, WVU+kc, new developments, and more.



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