Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Research and Data Analysis	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand core principles of research integrity, transparency, and accountability.
2. Develop proficiency in ethical decision-making and responsible data management.
3. Analyze and prevent research misconduct, fabrication, and falsification.
4. Apply compliance standards, regulatory guidelines, and institutional policies.
5. Enhance skills in authorship ethics, intellectual property, and publication practices.
6. Promote reproducibility, rigor, and validity in experimental design.
7. Strengthen collaborative research practices and conflict-of-interest management.
8. Implement effective data sharing, privacy protection, and cybersecurity measures.
9. Cultivate cultural competence and inclusivity in global research environments.
10. Evaluate and respond to ethical dilemmas using scenario-based approaches.
11. Integrate emerging technologies, AI tools, and digital ethics in research workflows.
12. Foster mentorship, leadership, and responsible supervision in research teams.
13. Build a lifelong commitment to sustainable, credible, and socially responsible research.

Target Audience

1. Graduate and postgraduate students
2. Early-career researchers and postdoctoral fellows
3. Principal investigators and lab heads
4. Industry research professionals
5. Research administrators and compliance officers
6. Academic faculty and educators
7. Clinical and translational researchers
8. Policy makers and ethics committee members

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Responsible Conduct of Research

- Definition, scope, and importance of RCR
- Historical perspectives and landmark misconduct cases
- Global standards and regulatory frameworks

- Ethical principles for human and animal research
- Case Study: The **Tuskegee Syphilis Study** – lessons learned

Module 2: Research Integrity and Misconduct

- Types of misconduct
- Whistleblowing and reporting mechanisms
- Institutional and federal policies
- Risk assessment and prevention strategies
- Case Study: **Hwang Woo-suk stem cell scandal**

Module 3: Data Management and Reproducibility

- Data collection, storage, and integrity practices
- Ensuring reproducibility and transparency
- Open data and sharing policies
- Handling sensitive and confidential data
- Case Study: **Retraction of irreproducible cancer research**

Module 4: Authorship, Publication, and Peer Review Ethics

- Criteria for authorship and contributorship
- Avoiding duplicate publications and citation manipulation
- Peer review ethics and conflict of interest
- Responsible communication of results
- Case Study: **Nature retractions due to authorship disputes**

Module 5: Collaborative Research and Conflicts of Interest

- Roles, responsibilities, and agreements in multi-institutional research
- Conflict-of-interest disclosure and management
- Team science and interdisciplinary collaboration
- Effective communication strategies
- Case Study: **Collaboration challenges in multi-center trials**

Module 6: Human Subjects and Animal Research Ethics

- Informed consent and IRB/ethics approval
- Minimizing risk and protecting vulnerable populations
- Animal welfare and ethical care protocols
- Ethical dilemmas in clinical trials
- Case Study: **Henrietta Lacks case**

Module 7: Emerging Issues in Research Ethics

- AI, machine learning, and data ethics
- Cybersecurity and digital research integrity
- Environmental and sustainability considerations
- Global research challenges and cross-cultural ethics
- Case Study: **Ethical implications of AI-generated research data**

Module 8: Mentorship, Leadership, and Responsible Culture

- Role of mentors in fostering ethical research
- Leadership and accountability in lab management
- Building a culture of integrity and transparency
- Continuous professional development
- Case Study: **Mentorship failures leading to misconduct**

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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