

The Scholarship and Research Integrity (SARI) Program

All scholars, from graduate students to senior investigators, confront ethical issues in their professional activities. Each year, thousands of Penn State investigators conduct research with integrity that would withstand the highest levels of scrutiny. Unfortunately, however, each year some Penn State personnel are involved in research misconduct allegations, inquiries, and investigations. Misconduct allegations have involved research personnel of every rank, and some findings have been serious enough to lead to recommendations of dismissal from the university.

Many cases involve situations where the responsible or ethical course of action was not clear to the investigator. Advance discussion of core principles and possible scenarios can help inform choices frequently made under pressure, helping to eliminate poor decisions.

The Scholarship and Research Integrity (SARI) program provides graduate students with opportunities to identify, examine, and discuss ethical issues relevant to their disciplines. All graduate students must participate in SARI training.

The SARI@PSU program is composed of two parts: an online training component (Part 1), and an interactive, discussion-based component (Part 2). The online training provides a common language and understanding of the history and principles of the responsible conduct of research. The discussion-based component provides an opportunity for in-depth exploration of important issues unique to each field of study.

Satisfying the Part 1 Requirement. The SARI@PSU website (<http://www.research.psu.edu/training/sari>) provides more information about the program, including FAQs and access to the online training on the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) that is used to satisfy the Part 1 requirement. This training is offered through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI, citi.psu.edu)

Satisfying the Part 2 Requirement. Five (5) hours of activity is required. Students may attend up to two (2) workshops sponsored by the Office for Research Protections (ORP), such as Scholarship and Research Ethics brownbag lunches, for SARI credit. The ORP SARI Resource Portal (<http://www.research.psu.edu/orp/sari/>), provides information, teaching tools, and links to other resources. ORP will no longer accept more than two hours of their workshops.

The remainder of up to five (5) hours may be satisfied by attending SARI workshops or seminars organized by the Department of Aerospace Engineering, other departments, colleges, or units such as the Rock Ethics Institute.

Department of Aerospace Engineering Graduate Student SARI Check List

Students Name: _____ Email Address: _____
PSU ID#: _____ Advisor: _____

Transmit electronically with all attachments to Lindsay Moist, lnm3@psu.edu **only when fully completed** and a minimum of six weeks before graduation.

PART 1. Online CITI tutorial on Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)
(to be completed first and in the first semester of graduate study).
Attach "Completion Report" to this document or file.
Date completed _____

PART 2. At least one of the following five SARI seminars, workshops or activities must be from the Department of Aerospace Engineering. **Note that ORP only allows a maximum of two of their seminars to count.**

1. SARI activity
Title and offeror _____
Date attended _____
Aerospace Department seminar? Yes _____ No _____
If not an Aerospace Engineering activity, attach your "Certificate of Participation."
2. SARI activity
Title and offeror _____
Date attended _____
Aerospace Department seminar? Yes _____ No _____
If not an Aerospace Engineering activity, attach your "Certificate of Participation."
3. SARI activity
Title and offeror _____
Date attended _____
Aerospace Department seminar? Yes _____ No _____
If not an Aerospace Engineering activity, attach your "Certificate of Participation."
4. SARI activity
Title and offeror _____
Date attended _____
Aerospace Department seminar? Yes _____ No _____
If not an Aerospace Engineering activity, attach your "Certificate of Participation."
5. SARI activity
Title and offeror _____
Date attended _____
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