

## Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship Requirement Plan

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Please use this form to report to your school and the Office of Graduate Studies how your department will meet the new research skills and responsible scholarship requirement for doctoral students.

This form must be approved by your school and submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies.

The new Graduate Studies' policy on Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship requires the following:

- **Every doctoral student is required to have training in responsible scholarship pertinent to the field of research.**
- **Every doctoral student is required to obtain research skills pertinent to the doctoral level of research in their field(s).**

This policy is effective for all doctoral students admitted fall 2011 or later.

The Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship policy can be found in the Policy Library at <http://www.policy.ku.edu/>.

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### Responsible scholarship training should adhere to the following guidelines:

- It is known that a significant amount of face-time is critical in responsible scholarship training. Students need to have a chance to discuss ethical dilemmas and issues. The NIH reports that at least 8 hours should be devoted to discussion of research ethics.
  - The results of responsible scholarship training are best if spread out over time. It is better to have 8 one- hour sessions than a single 8-hour session.
  - Students should be engaged in the learning process. They should actively participate in discussion, read literature, engage in specific ethical discussion and decision-making.
  - A range of topics of relevance to the research discipline should be covered.
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### Responsible Scholarship resources:

- RGS webpage - [http://www.rgs.ku.edu/responsible\\_scholarship/](http://www.rgs.ku.edu/responsible_scholarship/)
- *Ethics in the University: Reflections on responsible scholarship*, University of Kansas <http://www.rgs.ku.edu/leadership/ethics.pdf>

Program name:

**What areas of responsible scholarship are pertinent to your field?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of human subjects                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative research                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare of laboratory animals                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Authorship, publication, plagiarism, copyright |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conflicts of interest                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Peer review                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data management                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional practices                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentor/student responsibilities                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance of confidentiality                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate research conduct and research misconduct |   |

Other describe:

**How are your students trained to be responsible scholars? (mark all that apply)**

course\* list course:

seminar\* list seminar:

tested list topics:   free standing  
 during the comp. exam

other\* describe:

**How do your students meet the research skills training requirement? (mark all that apply)**

course\* list course:

seminar\* list seminar:

tested list topics:   free standing  
 during the comp. exam

other\* describe:

**\* Please attach the course syllabi, agendas or other documentation as applicable.**

Department Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School/College Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_