

Research and Scholarly Integrity for Graduate Students

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Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarship

- For graduate students— is inextricably linked to faculty and often also to postdocs
- Is a key part of research and professional development for students and postdocs
- MSU Grad School central program since 1998
- <http://grad.msu.edu/rcr/> --approx. 150 participants each year

CGS Project on Scholarly Integrity

- Focus campus attention on RCRS
- MSU in partnership with PSU and UW-M
- Consultants: Carol Thrush (U Arkansas-Medical Science) & Brian Martinson (HealthPartners Research, MN)—Carol's survey on RCR "climate" and their parallel funded project on the survey
- Survey in April 2009—50% response on each campus. Analysis and use of data on campus

NSF Requirement for RCR

- All proposals submitted January 4, 2010 and thereafter
- Opportunity to engage faculty in change—
now required
- Opportunity to expand to the entire campus
- Used our CGS PSI survey data to begin conversations that had “clout”

Role of the Graduate School & Dean

- Focus on education and professional development, not only on “compliance”
- MSU does this via PREP: <http://grad.msu.edu/prep/>
- Resources, guidance, validation for NSF <http://grad.msu.edu/researchintegrity/> --PPTs, videos, quizzes etc on the “ORI list” of topics
- Partnership with Asst VP for Research Compliance

Final words

- Worry about international students—esp. plagiarism
- Dean's role in “education” on this topic—for faculty, postdocs, grad students, technicians
- Dean's role in disciplinary hearings for students
- **Make the discussion about research QUALITY, not just compliance**