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Dear ERC Trainees,

The Public Health Service (PHS) and its research institutions require that all pre-and post-doctoral researchers supported by PHS training grants receive training in the responsible conduct of research. The School of Medicine has developed a program of lectures with associated discussion groups, entitled the *Biomedical Research Integrity (BRI) Series*, for its researchers to meet this requirement. Five lectures are offered each summer, covering the seven 'required' topics. Additional training is required for trainees conducting research involving human subjects or laboratory animals.

The BRI requirement for ERC-supported trainees is as follows:

- 1) All ERC trainees are required to attend at least four BRI lectures during the first year of your training program. You are also encouraged to attend the associated discussion groups.
- 2) If your research involves human subjects or laboratory animals, you are also required to take the training offered in these areas by the UW Human Subjects' Division.

Registration: In order to complete this requirement, students must register for BRI attendance. Discussion groups require pre-registration via the BRI website: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwbri/>. Registration for lectures can be done in advance, or at the lecture.

Note that if you are unavailable to attend the lectures when they occur, you may 'attend' the lectures by viewing them online on your own time – see the BRI website 'Resources' page.

Your attendance at the lectures or your checkout of the videotapes will be documented and sent to ERC Administration so that you receive credit for your participation.

The PHS policy can be found at:

http://ori.dhhs.gov/policies/RCR_Policy.shtml

If you have already completed this requirement, you do not have to attend any additional lectures, but are encouraged to do so if interested. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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