Policy Statement

1.0 Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training must be completed by all principal investigators/project directors, key personnel, staff, students, and postdoctoral fellows conducting research at the University. Jackson State University is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity, honesty, and ethical behavior in the conduct of research, and fostering an environment supportive of RCR. As such JSU follows federal, state, agency and University guidelines regarding RCR training.

2.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the University’s responsibility for ensuring adherence to federal and state regulations regarding RCR training.

3.0 Definitions

3.1 Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) refers to the professional and ethical responsibility of researchers to conduct their research with honesty, accuracy, efficiency, and objectivity.

4.0 Additional Information

4.1 Principal Investigators/Project Directors are responsible for ensuring that their key personnel, students and postdoctoral fellows complete the required RCR training prior to working on any research project.

4.2 The University is responsible for providing the avenues through which RCR training takes place. Opportunities to complete RCR training will be provided both on-line and in person.

5.0 Employee Adherence

Employees are required to adhere to these guidelines. Willful disregard of this policy shall be considered non-compliance and may result in a formal reprimand up to and including termination. The information stated in this policy pertains and applies to applicable employees, departments and funding sources of the University.