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From: John MacMillan, Interim Vice Chancellor, Office of Research
Subject: Ethics Compliance Training for Researchers

Dear Research Community,

The UC Office of the President now requires that all extramurally funded researchers (including faculty, staff, and postdoctoral scholars) complete the Ethics Compliance Briefing for Researchers (ECBR). This briefing will be required every two years due to the federal government’s heightened focus on the issues covered by the training, especially as they relate to Conflict of Commitment and undue foreign influence. This training replaces the previous version called “Compliance & Conflict of Interest for Researchers Briefing (COIR)” and satisfies two mandatory training requirements:

- Ethics and Compliance Briefing, required for all UC employees including faculty and staff.
- Public Health Service (PHS) Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) training, required of all PHS-funded research (NIH is part of PHS) and research funded by any sponsor that has adopted the PHS FCOI requirements.

The online course is available online through the UC Learning Center and is estimated to take 30-60 minutes to complete. The training must be completed by May 1, 2022. Noncompliance by this date for all key personnel listed on an incoming award may delay release of the award.