MEMORANDUM

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To: HSC Faculty and Staff

From: Richard S. Larson, MD, PhD,
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RE: National Science Foundation (NSF) Mandatory “Responsible Conduct of Research” Training Requirement

Effective October 1, 2009, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has mandated that undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers supported by NSF funding must received Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training in order to conduct research. Effective January 4, 2010 the HSC PreAward proposal signing official must certify on each proposal submitted to NSF that the organization has a plan to provide appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research supported by NSF funding. This memo serves as the HSC plan.

The HSC Office of Research has registered HSC with Center on Materials and Devices for Information Technology Research (CMDITR) for access to its website for Responsible Conduct of Research Interactive Tutorial for Education Institutions. OGRS is subject to review by NSF and must verify that appropriate persons supported by NSF to conduct research have received RCR training. The CMDITR website will provide the NSF mandated training and testing for all appropriate persons affiliated with HSC who are working on NSF funded research projects.

To register, please visit the RCR Tutorial page at http://www.responsibleresearch.org/

Select “User Account Registration Form” to get to the “New User Registration” page and complete the “New User Registration Form.”

You must create an account under an existing registered group so please select University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center or UNMHSC as your affiliated group. Complete all RCR modules and accompanying testing before you engage in any research activities funded by NSF.

It will be the responsibility of the Department Chair or Center Director who is signing the Proposal Data Sheet to ensure that every applicable person who should complete the training and is supported by NSF Funding has completed this training prior to receiving NSF salary support.