

## **Resolution 2010-2011-6 Graduate Training Requirement in Academic Integrity and the Responsible Conduct of Research**

(from the Graduate Council)

**WHEREAS** the central activities and missions of a university rest upon the fundamental assumption that all members of the university community conduct themselves in accordance with a strict adherence to academic and scholarly integrity; and

**WHEREAS** all UCF students are expected to adhere to the essential standards of academic integrity, as outlined in the Golden Rule and its associated UCF regulations (UCF-5.008); and

**WHEREAS** to maintain this atmosphere in the UCF graduate community, it is crucial that all students are made aware of the expectations of academic integrity, the responsibilities associated with research and scholarly work, and the consequences associated with the failure to abide by these expectations; and

**WHEREAS** the advanced nature of graduate education, the higher level of scholarly and research activity associated with graduate work, and the higher level of expected behavior of students who have been awarded a bachelor's degree make it essential that additional training in the areas of academic integrity and the responsible conduct of research (RCR) be provided to graduate students at UCF; and

**WHEREAS** this additional training will serve to guide their conduct as graduate students at UCF and provide the requisite ethical background for their future roles as leaders and educators,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** starting with the Fall 2011 term, all students newly admitted to doctoral programs will be required to complete training designed to inculcate an awareness and understanding of the fundamental issues of academic integrity and the responsible conduct of research (RCR) in a manner that is consistent with federal regulations. This training will include: the on-line Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) "Responsible Conduct of Research" training module in the appropriate disciplinary area; and face-to-face ethics/RCR workshops coordinated by the College of Graduate Studies and the Office of Research and Commercialization, or an approved alternative training offered as a program requirement for all students in the program.