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Updates on the Project for Scholarly Integrity

COMING SOON: NEW BOOK ON PROJECT FOR SCHOLARLY INTEGRITY

The Council of Graduate Schools is pleased to announce that the final monograph on the [Project for Scholarly Integrity](#) will be published in December 2011. The monograph will take the form of a resource manual presenting six model approaches to creating a graduate culture of research integrity, best practices that have emerged from the project as a whole, recommendations for implementing and using climate and activities assessment tools across departments and programs, and case studies on the six institutional awardees that participated in the project (Columbia University, Emory University, Michigan State University, Penn State University, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the University of Arizona). The book will also feature spotlights on graduate schools that participated in the project as affiliates, using PSI resources to develop or enhance programs at their own institutions.

Reflecting the project's goal of developing "comprehensive" approaches to creating a culture of research integrity at graduate institutions, the book will include a section that details processes that support lasting and far-reaching results. Readers will be able to compare the approaches of public and private institutions of different sizes to core steps of the project:

- engaging the community in identifying needs;
- reflecting on a plan of action;
- implementing educational, assessment, and outreach activities;
- communicating with different groups of stakeholders on campus; and

- integrating and embedding programs into core campus activities and graduate curricula.

An additional section will describe the two assessment tools adopted by all project awardees: the first, an “activities survey” that took an inventory of practices and procedures related to research and scholarly integrity within departments and programs, and a climate survey (developed by Thrush, Martinson, Crain and Wells) that assessed perceptions of the organizational environment for responsible research practices. In 2012, CGS will complement this analysis with a new feature on the CGS website, a benchmarking tool that will allow all CGS institutions to compare their results on the surveys to those at similar institutions.

The publication is intended to be useful to a broad range of graduate staff and faculty, including graduate deans, college deans, Directors of Graduate Studies, Research Integrity Officers, and all those responsible for developing research integrity resources and curricula for graduate students. CGS looks forward to announcing the official publication date to the graduate community in December 2011.

NEW RESOURCES ON PSI WEBSITE

New resources are regularly added to the [PSI website's](#) online resource [library](#). Please visit the library to browse or search the collection for recent new resources, which have been added to a variety of searchable categories. The most recent batch of resources include books, reports and articles in areas of responsible conduct of research, including intellectual property, conflicts of interest, human subjects, animal welfare, and research misconduct. A number of recent theme-based resources can be found in the library's selections for ethical deliberation and training, ethical obligations of universities, policies and codes, and in a special section on international topics and issues. The library is also searchable across a broad range of disciplines and fields. Feel free to browse the updated library, or suggest additional resources for inclusion by sending a message to the PSI email address at psi@cgs.nche.edu.

FALL SPOTS REMAINING FOR INVITATIONAL PSI BLOG

This upcoming fall, the PSI website blog will feature a number of guest blogs on a broad range of topics in research and scholarly integrity. Graduate deans and other experts on research integrity and RCR education are scheduled to share their experiences and views on the challenges of creating a culture of research integrity at graduate institutions. Guest bloggers are also encouraged to share resources and practices that have proved effective at their universities. A few spots remain for guests blogs in October and November. If you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague to write a blog, please contact Julia Kent at jkent@cgs.nche.edu.

STUDY PUBLISHED ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY OFFICERS

A new [study](#) of Research Integrity Officers (RIOs), "Assessing the Preparedness of Research Integrity Officers (RIOs) to Appropriately Handle Possible Research Misconduct Cases," was published in the June 7, 2011 issue of *Science and Engineering Ethics*. The article analyzes the results of interviews in which RIO's were asked to explain their responses to research misconduct allegations for comparison with the responses of expert RIOs. The authors (Arthur J. Bonito, Sandra L. Titus & David E. Wright) conclude that RIOs have different levels of preparation for handling reported allegations of misconduct and provide recommendations for providing stronger preparation and support for the role.

Upcoming Events

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2011 NCURA CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for the [53rd Annual Conference](#) of the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA), to be held in Washington, DC from November 6-9, 2011. The preliminary program includes concurrent sessions and workshop programs designed for different levels of experience in research administration. Early [registration](#) is open until October 3, 2011.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2011 PRIM&R CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for the [2011 Advancing Ethical Research Conference](#), jointly sponsored by PRIM&R (Public Integrity in Medicine and Research), Boston University, and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The conference will take place from December 2-4, 2011 in National Harbor, Maryland, with Pre-Conference programs beginning December 1, 2011. The 2011 theme will be "Harmonizing Ethics, Regulations, and Research. The regular [registration](#) period is open until November 11, 2011.

ORI's QUEST CONFERENCE POSTPONED DUE TO HURRICANE

The Office of Research Integrity's [Quest for Research Excellence Conference](#) (originally scheduled to take place in Washington, DC, August 29-30, 2011), was postponed due to Hurricane Irene. ORI has announced that the conference will be rescheduled for Spring 2012. As announced in the June 2011 PSI [newsletter](#), the conference will include a number of presentations and posters by graduate leaders and partners in the Project for Scholarly integrity. Two concurrent sessions will highlight the accomplishments of PSI institutions as well as broader efforts to support the climate of research integrity at graduate institutions.

The August hurricane also led to the postponement of a meeting organized by the National Advisory Panel for Research Integrity (NAPRI), originally scheduled for August 28th, 2011. NAPRI is also currently working to identify a new date for the meeting.

If you would like to suggest an event, activity, or news item for inclusion in the PSI Newsletter, please contact Julia Kent at the address below. For more information about the Project for Scholarly Integrity, please contact:

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