

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
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2001 Biomedical Research Integrity Series
Questions and Answers

➤ **What is the Biomedical Research Integrity Series, and what is the purpose?**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) require that the University of Washington provide training in the ethics of research to all graduate students and postdoctoral researchers who are funded through an NIH training grant. The Biomedical Research Integrity (BRI) Series was developed by the School of Medicine to meet this requirement. The Biomedical Research Integrity Committee, composed of members of the Faculty Council for Research, directors of School of Medicine training programs, as well as postdoc and graduate student trainee representatives, recommends topics and formats for the lectures and discussions.

The series has evolved considerably since its inception in 1991 as a series of didactic lectures. The current program links lectures with popular small group case discussion sessions.

The aim of this program is to offer departments and training programs an effective, accessible, and valuable forum for the discussion of ethical issues of biomedical research. Further, this program should also serve directors in the grant application and renewal process.

➤ **Where do I register for discussion group meetings**

Registration is required for each discussion group; the registration deadline is (TBD for 2001-02 series).

➤ **Who is required to participate in the BRI series?**

All School of Medicine trainees are required to participate in a series of seminars and discussion sessions on the ethics of biomedical research. Over 300 graduate students and postdoctoral trainees participate in the series each year, representing over 35 departments and degree granting programs. Attendance is taken and reported to departments who monitor their trainees' participation. Trainees are allowed to participate in several BRI Series over the course of their traineeship, granting them a reasonable degree of flexibility in meeting the attendance requirement. The lecture series is open to all graduate students,

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post-doctoral trainees, faculty and staff from the School of Medicine and other Health Sciences schools.

➤ **Where can I find useful resource information?**

1. "A Short List of Useful Resources for Teaching Research Ethics" or A Beginner's Bookshelf by Kenneth D. Pimple, Ph.D. Is available by request from the RGE department.
2. "BRI Lectures Audio and Video Tape List", Most lectures from previous years are available on tape for loan through the Dean's Office. These may serve as focal points for further discussion.
3. Selected Ethics resources on the Internet.

➤ **What are some of the topics for the Discussion Group?**

Topics vary each year and have included: authorship, data ownership, conflict of interest, data handling, human subjects, scientific misconduct, mentoring, peer review, grantsmanship, genetic research, and use of animals in research.

➤ **Where can I find information on upcoming BRI lectures?**

The 2001 Biomedical Research Integrity Lecture Series can be located at **(URL is in progress TBA)**.

➤ **How can I suggest topics for Lectures and discussions?**

Contact Vee White, Program Coordinator, Lecture Series at 543-8319 or veewhite@u.washington.edu.

➤ **Who can I contact for more information?**

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