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SUBJECT: Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research

UC San Diego is proud of its highly respected Research Ethics Program (REP), which has been in existence for 15 years under the leadership of Dr. Michael Kalichman. Following a major review of the program, including an evaluation of campus Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training needs, and pursuant to extensive discussions with campus leadership, I am pleased to announce availability of additional options to facilitate RCR required training and research ethics education in general.

The Research Ethics Program was originally established to meet NIH requirements that postdoctoral scholars and graduate students on NIH training grants receive RCR training. In 2010, the National Science Foundation also implemented a requirement that all undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars receiving salary and/or stipends from NSF awards be trained in the responsible conduct of research. To meet the different requirements of these agencies, to anticipate the possibility of other agency requirements, and to ensure that students receive training in research ethics as part of their experience at UC San Diego, the campus is expanding opportunities to develop customized programs to meet the regulatory and/or educational needs within departments.

A summary of the recommendations of the Research Ethics Program Review Committee may be viewed at: http://research.ucsd.edu/documents/SumRecsEthicsProg.pdf.

To review options available for RCR training, please visit: http://research.ucsd.edu/responsibleconduct.html.

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