

Taking Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) Training

→ **Do I need to take FCOI Training?** Training currently depends on sponsor requirements.

- **PHS.** “Investigators” subject to the PHS FCOI Regulations are required to complete FCOI training every four (4) years. This includes PHS Awarding Components and various non-governmental organizations that have adopted the PHS FCOI Regulations and/or use the FCOI Regulations in their award terms.

- See FCOI Agencies Using the PHS FCOI Regulations [here](#).
- Find out if you are an “Investigator” [here](#).
- Determine when to train and disclose [here](#).

- **NSF and Other Sponsors.** NSF and other sponsors typically do not require researchers to complete FCOI training.

- Voluntary FCOI training is available to all researchers and strongly encouraged by Auburn University, regardless of funding source.
- The online training promotes objectivity and research free from bias resulting from researcher financial conflicts of interest.

→ **How do I take FCOI Training?** Auburn University provides Conflict of Interest (COI) training as an online course through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) at the University of Miami.

- **New CITI Users.** Use [this Guide](#) to help you register, enroll in the Conflict of Interest course and complete your FCOI training.
- **Previously Registered CITI Users.** If you need to complete COI training, [log into CITI](#), click "Add a Course or Update Learner Group," and add the Conflict of Interest course.

→ **What steps do I take when my training expires?**

- **Training Expiration and Extension.** The Conflict of Interest course Training Certificate earned after completing the Conflict of Interest course expires after four (4) years. Completing the COI Refresher course extends your Training Certificate for another four (4) years.
- **Automatic Refresher Enrollment.** You should receive an email from CITI informing you that your COI training is expiring and enrolling you in the COI Refresher course necessary to maintain your COI Training Certificate. Use the login in the email to access CITI and extend your Training Certificate.