

## COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

### INTD 500: Ethics and Accountability in Biomedical Research

The Keck School of Medicine of USC will offer **INTD 500: Ethics and Accountability in Biomedical Research**. This course satisfies the NIH Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training requirements. The course is open to all graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty, and staff who are conducting research. All PIBBS doctoral students are required to pass INTD 500 prior to advancing to candidacy. Master's students, postdoctoral fellows, and others auditing will receive a certificate of completion of the course.

#### Summer 2025 | Registration Deadline: MAY 1, 2025

The course will be offered in a one-week format, meeting for five (5) consecutive days, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during the week of **June 2-6, 2025 (Section# 40681D; 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Location: MCA 249)**.

#### Fall 2025 | Registration Deadline: August 1, 2025

The course will be repeated during the Fall semester and will be offered once a week over six (6) consecutive weeks. The course will tentatively meet every **Monday from September 8 – October 13, 2025, from 10 a.m. – 11:50 a.m., Location: TBA**.

The Responsible Conduct of Research course includes lectures, videos, and discussion topics focused on scientific integrity, misconduct and fraud in science, data acquisition and management, collaborative research, responsible authorship, conflicts of interest, innovation advancement and patents, animal welfare, human subjects, mentor/mentee responsibilities, professionalism in scientific relationships, and related subjects.

Each day's session will be separated into two parts: (i) a lecture(s) session from 10-11 a.m. in a large lecture hall (such as MCA 249), followed by (ii) small-group discussion sessions composed of 6-8 participants and led by a senior faculty member from 11 a.m. until 11:50 a.m. (Fall session) or until 12 noon (Summer session).

Attendance will be taken in order to conform with NIH requirements, and a Certificate of Completion will be provided to participants who faithfully attended all course sessions. If a session must be missed (in case of an unavoidable reason), it is possible to compensate by completing a written assignment to be arranged in agreement with the course director. However, no Certificate of Completion can be given if an attendee misses more than one session.

The course director is **Dr. Axel H. Schönthal**, Associate Professor of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology, and Associate Dean for Biomedical Master's Programs at the Keck School of Medicine. Small-group discussion sessions will be facilitated by experienced faculty members from the various departments at the medical school.

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## How to Register/Sign-Up

- This course requires pre-registration, by completing the **Pre-Registration Request Form:** <https://forms.gle/185rv5RmvZzBiGTh7>
- Students requiring D-clearance will be contacted once D-clearance has been granted and will need to complete web registration. Students officially registering will be charged tuition and will receive unit credit.
- Auditors include: Postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty, staff and Master's students. No tuition is charged and a certificate will be issued after completion of the course.

### **→ → → MASTER'S STUDENTS:**

Please confirm with your program advisor which registration option to choose before making a selection.