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Dear Colleagues,

This past fall, we announced the creation of a new Research Security Program here at Harvard. Research security training is listed as one of four elements of a Research Security Program required by National Security Presidential Memorandum 33 (NSPM 33), issued on Jan. 14, 2021, to safeguard our research ecosystem. The "CHIPS and Science Act of 2022," codified this training requirement for federal research award personnel into law on August 9, 2022.

Under the law, Covered Individuals (e.g., PIs, Co-PIs, and key or senior personnel or anyone meeting the definition of "Investigator") are required to complete Research Security Training as a condition of federal research funding.

The Office of Vice Provost for Research (OVPR), together with representatives from across the University, has developed a Harvard-specific instance of this federally required training, to facilitate compliance with these federal requirements. Harvard's training provides a high-level overview of the benefits and security risks associated with **International Collaborations, Cybersecurity, International Travel and Federal Disclosure Requirements** (the federally required components of Research Security training), case studies, and links to Harvard resources. It has been tested, reviewed, and edited by Faculty PIs and compliance officers from across the University, to ensure its clarity, relevancy, and compliance with federal requirements. The [training](#) will be assigned to **Covered Individuals** beginning on **January 31, 2025** and available through the Harvard Training Portal starting **January 1**. Additional information about the training and how to access it is available in the [Research Security Training FAQs](#).

**All** Covered Individuals who are participating in federally sponsored research after January 1, 2025 at Harvard University are required to take this training.

If you have any questions about this new Federal requirement or Harvard's implementation, please refer to the [FAQs](#), contact [Melissa Lopes, Senior Research Compliance Officer, OVPR](#), or reach out to me.

Best regards,

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