

Mentoring is a foundational component of learning how to be a scientist, and provides trainees – students, post-docs, and career development scholars – with important guidance from practiced investigators on how to conduct ethical and responsible research. This guidance document has been designed to assist training faculty and other senior personnel facilitate discussions with mentees on a variety of important RCR topic areas (see below).

Mentors should select an RCR topic area(s) and hold a thoughtful, 1-hour interactive discussion using the suggested case studies and role play scenarios as a guide. However, mentors may discuss alternative RCR topics not listed. The mentor can hold this meeting as part of a formalized group discussion with a lab/department or as a one-on-one discussion between the mentor and mentee.

Mentees are responsible for submitting a ‘**RCR Credit Submission Form for Participation in a Mentored Discussion**’ to rcr@une.edu in order to receive individual credit for this activity.

For questions related to this guidance document, please contact the Office of Training in Research at rcr@une.edu for assistance.

RCR Topic Areas	Suggested Case Studies & Role Play Scenarios
Authorship & Publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Case One: My Lab Boss Put His Name on My Papers and Proposals <input type="checkbox"/> Case Two: Risky Authorship <input type="checkbox"/> Case Three: Should I Be Listed as an Author? <input type="checkbox"/> Role Play: Is Theft of Authorship About to Occur?
Research Misconduct	<input type="checkbox"/> Case One: Were These Slides Falsified? <input type="checkbox"/> Case Two: Struggling to Understand Plagiarism <input type="checkbox"/> Case Three: Haven't I Seen that Protocol Before? <input type="checkbox"/> Case Four: Accusations of Falsifying Data <input type="checkbox"/> Role Play: In a Stew over Cooked Data
Collaboration	<input type="checkbox"/> Case One: Alternative Therapies and Awkward Collaborations <input type="checkbox"/> Case Two: Conflicts with Community Leaders <input type="checkbox"/> Role Play: An Uncomfortable Working Relationship
Data Acquisition & Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Case One: Creating a Public Archive of Sensitive Data <input type="checkbox"/> Case Two: Data Sharing Fever <input type="checkbox"/> Case Three: I Really Can't Acquire Important Data? <input type="checkbox"/> Role Play: Genome Data Breach
Conflicts of Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Case One: Age-Old Conflicts <input type="checkbox"/> Case Two: Taking Advantage of Patient Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Case Three: It Slipped My Mind... <input type="checkbox"/> Role Play: Playing Fast and Loose
Peer Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Case One: Pandering to the Public <input type="checkbox"/> Case Two: Getting a Fair Shake <input type="checkbox"/> Case Three: Getting Scooped by a Reviewer <input type="checkbox"/> Role Play: Mysteriously Similar Articles
Mentor & Trainee Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> Case One: Suspect Motives and Work Ethic <input type="checkbox"/> Case Two: Bullied or Mentored? <input type="checkbox"/> Case Three: Power Struggles in the Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Role Play: The Sad Truth
Social Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Case One: Putting Social Advocacy Before the Data <input type="checkbox"/> Case Two: Career Dreams Up in Smoke? <input type="checkbox"/> Case Three: The Magic Key <input type="checkbox"/> Role Play: A Padded Budget

Source: The [RCR Casebook – Stories about Researchers Worth Discussing](#) available on the U.S. DHHS ORI [website](#)