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Research Security Training Requirements

PURPOSE: To inform NASA grant and cooperative agreement applicants and recipients of revisions to the *NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Manual* ([GCAM](#)) that institute new research security training and certification requirements for covered individuals and entities.

BACKGROUND: Section 10634, Research Security Training Requirements for Federal Research Award Personnel, of the *CHIPS and Science Act of 2022* ([42 U.S.C. § 19234](#)) establishes a government-wide research security training requirement for federally funded research and development awards. Per sec. 10634, NASA must establish a requirement that all covered individuals, as defined by the Agency, certify that they have completed research security training within one year prior to application submission, and applicant entities must certify that covered individuals employed by the entity have taken such training.

To implement these requirements, NASA is effectuating revisions to the GCAM via this GIC. The revisions describe the certification requirements, provide a definition of “covered individuals,” and outline the training modules that covered individuals may take to satisfy the research training requirement. Covered individuals listed on any research proposal for a grant or cooperative agreement submitted to NASA and the applying entities’ Authorized Organizational Representatives (AORs) will be required to comply with the certification requirements starting **August 5, 2026**.

GUIDANCE: Entities and covered individuals applying for a NASA research grant or cooperative agreement shall adhere to the following guidance:

1. Research Security Training and Certification Requirements

- A. *Background.* Section 10634, Research Security Training Requirements for Federal Research Award Personnel, of the *CHIPS and Science Act of 2022* ([42 U.S.C. § 19234](#)) establishes a government-wide research security training requirement for federally funded research and development awards. NASA must establish a requirement that covered individuals associated with a research award certify that they have completed within one year prior to application submission research security training addressing core research security topics and must require entities applying for research awards to certify that covered individuals have completed such training.
- B. *Definition of “covered individuals.”* A covered individual is any Principal Investigator (PI) (regardless of level of effort), any CoPI (regardless of level of effort), and only Co-Investigators (Co-I) proposing to spend ten percent or more of their time in any given

year on a NASA-funded award. This definition of “covered individual” aligns with that provided in the NASA [GCAM](#) section 10.5, Biographical Sketches, and 10.6, Current and Pending (Other) Support Disclosures.

1. NASA funding organizations may designate additional personnel categories as covered individuals on a project-by-project basis, and these designations will be explicitly stated in all Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs).

C. *Covered individual certification requirement.* Covered individuals named on a NASA grant or cooperative agreement proposal must certify that they have satisfied the training requirement described below by signing a certification on the NASA biographical sketch and current and pending (other) support [forms](#).

1. Any covered individual that joins a NASA-funded project *after* an award has been issued shall also submit biographical sketch and current and pending (other) support forms and attest that they have taken the requisite research security training.
2. The certification for covered individuals reads as follows: “In accordance with Section 10634 of the *CHIPS and Science Act of 2022* (42 U.S.C. § 19234), I certify that I have completed the requisite research security training that meets the requirements specified in NASA’s research security training requirements [policy](#) within 12 months prior to proposal submission.”

D. *Entity certification requirement.* Applicant entities must certify that each covered individual who is employed by the entity and listed on the application has satisfied the training requirement described below by signing a certification in the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System ([NSPIRES](#)).

1. The certification for entities reads as follows: “Certification Regarding Research Security Training Per the *CHIPS and Science Act*, Section 10634 (42 U.S.C. § 19234). Per section 10634 of the *CHIPS and Science Act* (42 U.S.C. § 19234), the entity’s Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) certifies that each covered individual who is employed by the entity and listed on the application has satisfied the research security training requirements in NASA’s research security training requirements [policy](#) within 12 months prior to proposal submission.

E. *Acceptable training.* To meet the research training requirements, applicants may utilize any training that meets requirements in [42 U.S.C. 19234](#) and addresses cybersecurity, international collaboration and international travel, foreign interference, and rules for proper use of funds, disclosure, conflict of commitment, and conflict of interest. The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), in partnership with the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Energy, and the Department of War, has provided the research community with four online research security training modules that can be found on the NSF Research Security Training [website](#). Additionally, the SECURE Center provides a [condensed version](#) of the four modules described above. NASA recognizes completion of

either the four NSF modules or the SECURE Center condensed module as being compliant with NASA's research security training requirements for covered individuals.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This GIC is effective August 5, 2026.

REGULATION OR TERM AND CONDITION CHANGES: No.

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