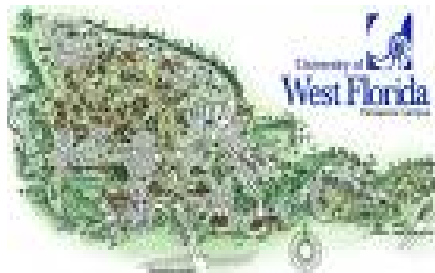


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# Graduate Research: Research Integrity

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## University of West Florida Profile

UWF is a Regional Comprehensive University

UWF Total Enrollment is 11,205 with 2,050 (18%) graduate students

UWF Graduate Program:

50 post baccalaureate specializations with 20 departments offering graduate degrees

UWF Graduate Degrees:

Masters, Specialists, and Doctorates (Ed. D.)

UWF Graduate Enrollments:

63% of graduate enrollment is from surrounding five counties

75% of graduate enrollment is part time

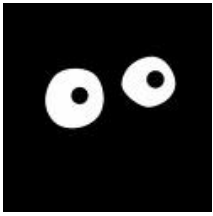
45% of all graduate courses are online



# What is the UWF approach To RCR?

UWF is an affiliate to a larger national initiative under a grant from the Council of Graduate Schools.

<http://www.scholarlyintegrity.org/>



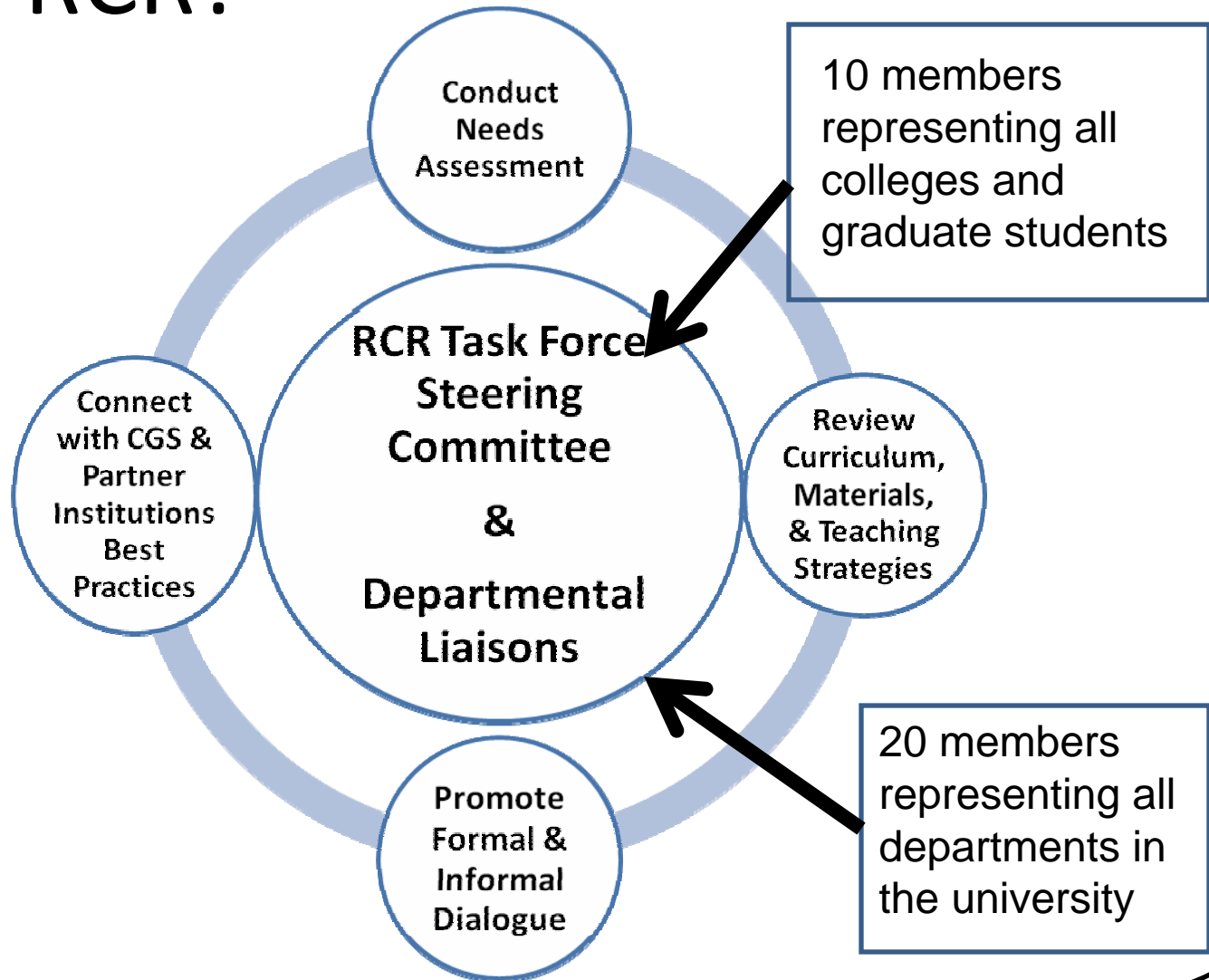
# What is the UWF approach to RCR?

## **BACKGROUND:**

- Summer 2008 selected as AIR Fellow & met CGS to discuss PSI
- July 2008 formed UWF Task Force/Advisory Board focused on submitting a proposal for the PSI competition endorsed by all UWF department chairs
- September 2008 received notification that UWF was selected as an affiliate institution for the CGS PSI
- 2008-2009 Conducted monthly meetings of Task Force for RCR and developed plan of action
- Spring 2009 Developed and pilot tested an assessment instrument for determining the current UWF focus on RCR in graduate programs



# What is UWF approach to RCR?





## What is UWF approach to RCR?

*Responsibilities of Steering Committee and Departmental Liaisons:*

1. Serve as an ambassador for RCR
2. Inform department/colleagues of the activities of the Task Force
3. Serve as an ambassador for the CGS National Survey of Students and Faculty
4. Serve as an ambassador for the UWF Survey of Graduate Students and Faculty
5. Assist in the review of syllabi from colleagues for RCR



# UWF Research Integrity Action Plan:



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1. Develop website for RCR and related materials



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2. Presentation at University-wide faculty assembly



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3. Disseminate CGS National Survey of Students & Faculty



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4. Disseminate UWF Survey of Students & Faculty



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5. Review syllabi of research courses across campus



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6. Hosted regional conference focused on RCR



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7. Analyze data from national and local surveys



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8. Pilot RCR online proficiency course with Ed. D. cohort



## University of West Florida Research Integrity Website

<http://research.uwf.edu/internal/integrity.cfm>

### **Research Integrity**

RSP is responsible for ensuring UWF is committed to responsible research by seeing that the university remains in compliance with federal and state policies pertaining to research, serving as the coordinating office for human and animal compliance activities and in the cases of Intellectual Property to transfer research-derived technology into commercial use.

[Conflict of Interest \(research-related\)](#)

[Export Control](#)

[Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee \(IACUC\)](#)

[Institutional Review Board \(IRB\) for Human Research Participants Protection](#)

[Policy for Responding to Allegations of Misconduct in Research & Scholarly Activity](#)

The [Associate Vice President for Research](#) serves as UWF's Research Integrity Officer and as such is the first point-of-contact to initiate inquiries into allegations of misconduct in research.

[Whistleblower Protections under the Recovery Act](#)  
[Responsible Conduct in Research \(RCR\)](#)



# ORI's Nine Core Areas of RCR

- 1) Data Acquisition, Management, Sharing, and Ownership
- 2) Conflicts of Interest and Commitment
- 3) Human Subjects
- 4) Animal Welfare
- 5) Research Misconduct
- 6) Publication Practices and Responsible Authorship
- 7) Mentor and Trainee Responsibilities
- 8) Peer review
- 9) Collaborative Research



## CGS National Survey & UWF Local Survey

Common Areas of Assessment :

- (a) research ethics in practice and as a unit of study;
- (b) RCR nine areas in practice within the institution;
- (c) RCR nine areas as content for professional development;
- (d) RCR as a topic for training for graduate students;
- (e) acceptance of RCR within the institution;
- (f) other areas

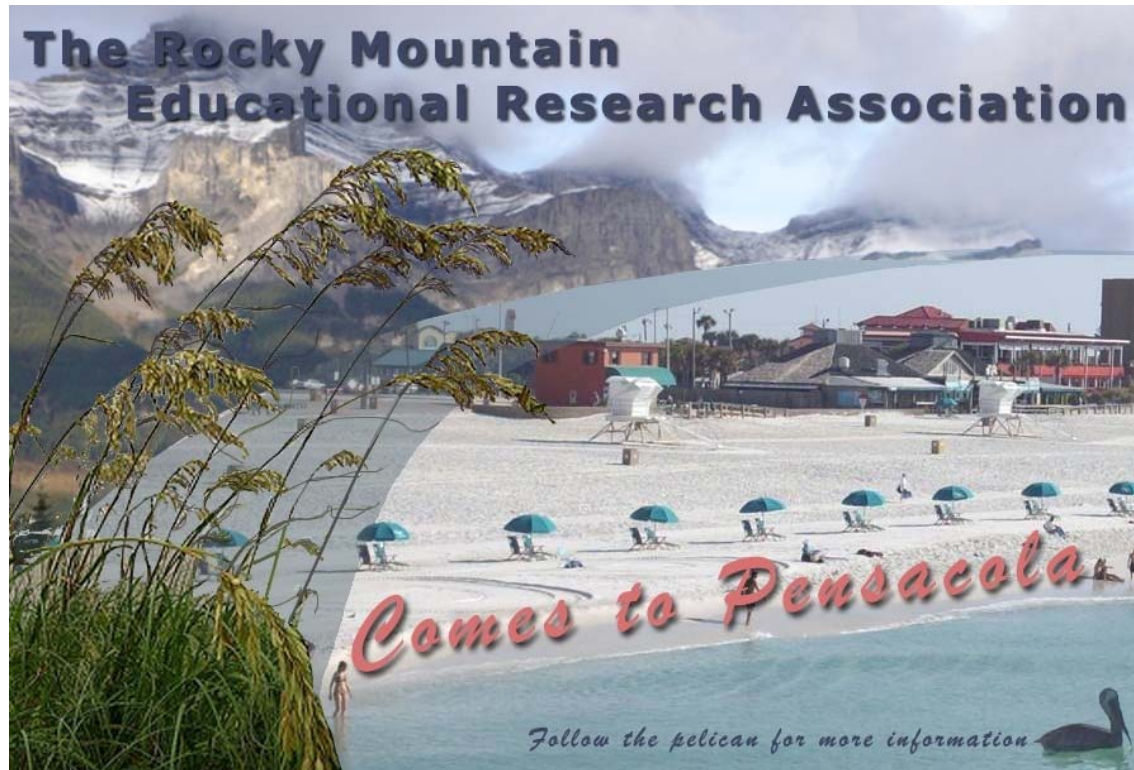


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# Future considerations for the UWF approach to RCR:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Continue concerted effort within UWF to educate faculty and students regarding RCR
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Continue concerted effort within UWF to align graduate courses and syllabi to RCR considerations
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Continue concerted effort as an affiliate of the CGS *Project for Scholarly Integrity*