

# The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) and

Certification

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#### About the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)

The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) is an online training program designed to provide education on research ethics, responsible conduct of research, and related topics to individuals involved in research, including scientists, ethics committee members, and research administrators. The program was developed by the University of Miami and is now utilized by over 2,000 institutions worldwide.

CITI offers a variety of courses that cover a range of topics, such as human subjects research, animal care and use, biosafety, data management, and conflicts of interest. The courses are updated regularly to reflect current regulations and best practices in research. The program is designed to be customizable, so institutions can tailor their training requirements to meet their specific needs. CITI also offers a certification program, where individuals can take a series of courses and pass an exam to earn a certificate in a particular area of research.

CITI's online format allows individuals to complete the training at their own pace, and the program tracks and records each individual's progress and completion of the courses. This feature is especially useful for institutions that need to monitor and document their employees' compliance with regulatory requirements.

The CITI Program provides a comprehensive and flexible platform for research ethics and compliance training, making it a valuable resource for institutions and individuals involved in research.

#### HIU process for the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative Certificate

HIU requires that all researchers, including doctorate students, obtain a CITI Certificate. The HIU Institutional Review Board, has established that the appropriate CITI course for our doctoral programs is RESEARCH STUDY DESIGN The Research Course "Design and Research Methodologies" DBR 9009 includes a subject and two weeks for the student to complete and obtain the CITI Certificate. In this way, one of the requirements to pass the DBR 9009 course, is to provide the CITI Certificate

## Instructions to log in and register in CITI program.

Type www.citiprogram.org into your web address browser.

To register for the CITI course, click the button: Register to take courses.

You must register as: INDEPENDENT LERNER

Select the Course you will Log-In: RESEARCH STUDY DESIGN

Follow the instructions on the website.

Each Doctorate Student must pay his/her registration fee for this course: \$ 99.00

Once this is done, you will be taken to the Welcome Page, where you will begin your CITI Course Training.

## CITI course completion and obtaining Certificate.

There is no time limit to complete each module.

Once you have finished reading each module, complete the corresponding quiz. The CITI Course does not need to be completed all at once, although you do have the option of doing so.

Once you sign out, all the quizzes you completed will be saved, and the next time you sign onto CITI Training website, and then once again click on your Course, you will be able to choose the next module you need to take.

You need a grade of at least 80% to pass the CITI Training Course.

Once you have completed the course in its entirety, you should download and print your certificate.

## **Evidence of the certificate for HIU**

Proof of this training must be submitted with your IRB application and must be uploaded to the Doctorate Program Document Repository (EDD or DBA) in the Classroom Platform. Keep in mind that the CITI Certificate is valid for two years.

If you have any questions regarding the CITI course, please do not hesitate to contact the HIU IRB Secretary Dr. Manel Prieto at mauel.prieto@humboldtiu.com