Researchers who are part of new projects funded by JST are required to take a research ethics course through APRIN (eAPRIN) in order to prevent research misconduct (fabrication, falsification, plagiarism and misappropriation of public research funds).

**Features**

- Students can take the course one module at a time, fully online. It is available 24 hours a day. Anytime, anywhere learning style.
- Prepared under the MEXT’s Program for Promoting Inter-University Collaborative Education "Standardization of Code of Conduct Education and National Development of Educational Systems for the Development of Researchers" and the NPO Japan-US Medical Education Consortium, based on research and ethics materials used in the United States as a framework and in accordance with Japanese laws, guidelines and other matters.

**JST-Designated Required Modules**

[Select one of the three courses to take]

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- Available in Japanese and English
- Each course takes about 3-4 hours to complete all the required modules. (Each module takes about 30-40 minutes to complete.)
- Completion of the "Responsible Conduct of Research (Digest Version)" is not sufficient. You must complete one of the above courses designated by JST even if you completed the "digest" course.
- The above module names are current as of 2021.

* Please note that in the event of non-compliance with the training requirements, all or part of the commissioned research funds will be suspended.
eAPRIN Participants

**Things to Keep in Mind when Taking the Course**

* If your institution has introduced eAPRIN and you can enroll through your institution, please select one of the JST courses and take the designated modules. If you cannot access the course through your institution, please register through JST.

**Flow of Registration Procedures for Participants**

- **After adoption**
  - Have you taken any modules through eAPRIN in the past?
    - Yes
      - Have you completed any JST-designated modules?
        - Yes
          - Please report your Completion Report Number.
        - No
          - Register and complete your course through JST.
    - No
      - Can you complete the JST-designated modules*1 on eAPRIN through your institution?
        - Yes
          - Exemption
        - No
          - Register and complete your course through JST*2

*1 You can complete the JST-designated modules by selecting "JST Course" from "Course Selection" after registering through your institution.

*2 If you register a new account through JST, you will have to complete all modules of the selected course even if you completed some modules in the past on a different account.

* After the adoption of your research, you will be required to attend the eAPRIN through your institution or JST.
  - If you have completed a JST-designated module in the past, you do not need to complete it again.
  - For those who registered via JST, each researcher will be sent their username and a course invitation.
  - If you have completed a JST-designated module in the past, you will be required to report the Completion Report Number issued by APRIN.

* After logging in to eAPRIN, please go to your profile and click "Disclose" under "Grade Disclosure" and report your JST course Completion Report Number.

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