Manage your Research Reputation, Right now
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“It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it.” Benjamin Franklin
As graduate students, you are building a research reputation right now. Your classmates and professors are your first colleagues and their impression of your skills and integrity will impact your career, positively or negatively. As such, it is critical that you continually enhance your knowledge and develop skills that will enable you to engage in responsible research conduct, because your colleagues are paying attention. As children, we are taught that it is wrong to lie and it is wrong to steal. Yet, on a daily basis there are retractions from the professional literature because our colleagues have fabricated data (lies), falsified data (lies) or plagiarized the work of others (theft) and in the process, they have permanently damaged their professional reputation. This seminar will address the importance and fragility of reputation and the role that one’s reputation plays in building a professional career. Related to reputation, the seminar will address responsible research and research misconduct, skills that are critical for growing a research career and misdeeds that are largely unforgivable in the research world.

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