New IRB Software Implementation Training Sessions Begin in November

The Office of Research will be providing training session beginning Nov. 27 for the new Huron IRB software program.

As previously communicated, UCF is currently undertaking a multi-year, multi-phased project focused on the University-wide restructuring of research administration business processes and technologies to support UCF's research enterprise. Known as Project Wahoo, this initiative includes the implementation of a new electronic research administration (eRA) system.

Huron IRB will be the first solution implemented as part of the new eRA system. Huron IRB will replace the existing iRIS system and will be made available to the research community on Dec. 21. As a reminder, the IRB staff will no longer be accepting new submissions (including addendums) within iRIS after Dec. 3. This freeze from Dec. 3-20 will provide the IRB team time to resolve any outstanding reviews as we shift to the new system. Therefore, please plan accordingly by either submitting new studies in iRIS before Dec. 3 or in Huron IRB after Dec. 21.

To ensure a smooth transition to the new system, training sessions will be held for the research community on the following dates:

*Tuesday, Nov. 27: 10 a.m. to noon, UTWR-602
*Thursday, Nov. 29: 9:30 - 11:20 a.m., TA 304
*Tuesday, Dec. 11: 1-3 p.m., TA 332
*Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 9:30 -11:20 a.m., CB2 101

In addition to training on new system functionality for the Huron IRB system, the IRB staff will use these sessions to provide an overview of upcoming changes to the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) Toolkit due to the Revised Common Rule (https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/final-rule-delaying-general-compliance-revised-common-rule.html). Each of these training sessions will cover the same content, and the training will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

We are excited about the improvements and benefits the new system will bring to UCF, and we appreciate your support as we move forward to modernize our research administration software. If you have any questions or concerns on the transition to the new system, please contact Nick Rufrano at Nicholas.Rufrano@ucf.edu or 407-823-1090.