

New Required Training: What You Didn't Know, You Needed to Know about the IRB

Aug. 31, 2021 – Many investigators used to human subject research know all about the Institutional Review Board (IRB), and the process needed to get approval before work can commence.

However, with more and more interdisciplinary research that involves experts from disciplines that don't routinely involve human subjects at its core, it is likely many of you don't know the rules of the road. And those rules change over time based on new federal regulations.

The IRB exists to ensure that the research conducted at UCF complies with federal regulations. More importantly IRB review is essential to making sure participants in your studies face minimal risk and the studies meet ethical standards.

To help ensure the entire UCF research community has a basic understanding of what constitutes human subjects research, the Office of Research is releasing a brief, one-time, awareness module to familiarize all potential research faculty, staff, and students with the UCF Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) which includes the IRB.

All faculty, students, and staff with a research designation at UCF should receive an invitation through WebCourses in the next week. This is a required course, regardless of previous IRB training. You will be asked to acknowledge that you have reviewed and understand the information presented. We anticipate it will take between 15 -30 minutes to complete the module. Deadline to complete the module is Sept. 30

If you conduct any kind of research at UCF (including all campuses, centers etc....) and do not receive an invitation, please contact the IRB at irb@ucf.edu .