

## IRB Education Program

Completion of an IRB-approved education program is required of all individuals involved in Human Subjects Research and its review, including the IRB Administrator, the IRB Committee Chairperson and members, DRB chairpersons and members, and research project investigators, research assistants, and any others who interact with research subjects and/or have access to participant information, including data which contains personal identifiers.

All persons involved in a research protocol must complete an approved education program prior to approval of protocol activity.

Certification must be renewed on a regular basis, and must have been completed no less than 3 years prior to submission of a protocol application. Training must remain current through any research project; any training due to expire prior to or during a research protocol must be renewed.

Current IRB educational program training requirements include:

University Employees and Students:

- All University faculty, staff, and student researchers who are engaged in a research project must complete the **CITI Group 1: Behavioral and Social Investigators** module.
  - In addition, if the research project is funded under selected federal grants, researchers may also be required to complete a **Responsible Conduct in Research (RCR)** training module(s). This module is also optional for any individual who wishes to complete it.
- The IRB Administrator, IRB Committee Chair, DRB Committee Chairpersons, and IRB and DRB committee members must complete the **Group 1: Behavioral and Social Investigators** module and the **Responsible Conduct in Research for Social/Behavioral (RCR)** training module.
- The IRB Administrator and IRB Committee Chair must also complete the **Group 3: IRB, DRB and IRB Administrator** module.

Non-University Investigators:

- The IRB Administrator may consider and approve other human subjects educational training obtained by faculty, staff, student researchers from other institutions, or other investigators, community partners, or collaborating entities. Documentation of this training must be submitted with the IRB application.

For information about training requirements for [Animal Care and Use](#), contact Dr. Chris Howey, IACUC Chair.

See the University's IRB Policy for more details or contact the IRB Administrator:  
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