Conflict of Interest (Col) Requirements and IRB Approval

The IRB requires the completion of Col training and submission of a Financial Interest Disclosure (FID) form as a condition for approval. This requirement applies to Principal Investigators, Co-Investigators, and research personnel who are involved in the design, conduct, or reporting of human subjects research.

To meet the Col requirements, the Col training must be completed prior to the completion of a FID form. Instructions for completing the Col training and a link to the training modules can be found at http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/col/training.html. Once your training record is updated in the database, you will receive an email notification within a couple of days with instructions for completing the FID form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Col Program Coordinator at col@austin.utexas.edu or (512) 232-2044.

Human Subjects Training Tip

After completing your human subjects research training, it may take up to two days for the IRB application database to be updated with the training records. If your human subjects research training record has not been updated after two days or you have questions about which training you need to register for, please call the Office of Research Support at (512) 471-8871. For answers to other commonly asked questions about training, please see the Human Subjects Research Training FAQs at http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/human subjects/training/faqs.html.

Winter Break Closure and IRB Review

The Office of Research Support will close December 24, 2012 and reopen on January 2, 2013. No IRB protocol reviews will occur during this time.

In order to assist you in planning your IRB protocol submissions and ensure the ORS is able to facilitate IRB review of those submissions, expedited and exempt protocol requests received no later than 5 p.m. on December 7, 2012, will be processed before the end of business on December 21, 2012. Please ensure the expedited and exempt protocol submissions are complete and accurate per IRB requirements and that training requirements are met – human subjects research training and conflict of interest training – as well as financial interest disclosures are submitted by all applicable research personnel. If substantial revisions are needed for the protocol submission or if training and FID submission is not completed, the review of the protocol submission may not meet the deadline timeframe.

Introduction to the IRB

Are your students new to the IRB review process? Does your department or research group need a refresher? The IRB program coordinators are available to provide presentations to all who are interested. Contact your IRB program coordinator to schedule a presentation.

The next IRB Full Board meeting is January 28, 2013
The deadline to submit paper copies is January 11, 2013.