Responsibilities of Faculty Sponsors in Student Research

The faculty sponsor must be actively involved in the student’s research, from protocol design to data analysis and report preparation. The following are the faculty sponsor responsibilities and are not all inclusive:

- Advise the student on the selection of a topic and assist the student with the preparation of their IRB application. Understand the research hypothesis, goals and methodology.
- Complete and sign IRB forms as required. Ensure the student obtains all necessary approvals (i.e., IRB) before initiating the project, implementing any changes in the research activities, and continuing the research activities after the approval period has expired.
- Assure the student understands the underlying ethical principles for conducting research with human subjects, applicable research regulations, and local policies and procedures.
- Guide and interact with the student throughout the research project. Stay abreast of the status of the protocol and ensure on-going compliance with federal regulations, institutional policies, and procedures relating to human subjects research.
- Serve as the Principal Investigator of record for the student when the research meets the criteria for exemption from the regulations or for any ongoing research when the student leaves the institution prior to completing the research protocol.

The success of the student's experience will be measured not only in the outcome of their projects, but also in what they learn from the faculty sponsor. These experiences will help form their perception of scientific research, and in some cases, determine whether a career in academic research is right for them.


ORS Educational Sessions & Workshops 2014

The following courses are available:

- RC 201 – IRB Intro
- RC 210 – IRB Q&A
- RC 211 – The Ethical Principles of Informed Consent

Please check the ORS news page and TXClass for future offerings.

The next IRB Full Board meeting is:

January 27, 2014.

The deadline to upload required documents is:

January 8, 2014.

Visit the IRB Meeting Deadlines and Dates page for the 2014 schedule.

http://links.utexas.edu/ccvqrcz

The Office of Research Support is hosting the following Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research (PRIM&R) webinar training:

Title: Investigator-Initiated Device Studies
Date: January 30, 2014
Time: Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Location: FAC 426HH

The goal of this webinar is to provide the tools for determining whether an investigational device exemption is necessary, charting a timeline for the application process, and identifying the respective responsibilities of investigators and IRBs.

To register, visit http://links.utexas.edu/wywwpk or search for RC 386 in TXClass.