



CHANGES TO THE IRB SUBMISSION & REVIEW PROCESS

Dear Colleagues,

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is responsible for ensuring the protection and safety of human subject participants in research. The IRB must also remain compliant with federal, local and institutional regulation. As of January 2018, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) introduced new federal regulation for all institutions conducting human subject research. This is the greatest overhaul of the regulation in nearly 25 years. The aim of the new regulation is to reduce regulatory burden involving the IRB review process. Many minimal risk social and behavioral research projects will experience less stringent IRB oversight and aid potential research subjects in making an informed decision to participate by simplifying the consent language. The changes in the regulation have also altered the review criteria for most projects. As a result, IRB members and staff worked diligently to revise all forms and templates, which are now available for download on the CSULB IRB website:

<http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/research/compliance/humans/>. The IRB website also has helpful guidance for the revised submission and review process. In order to avoid delay of research projects during this transition to comply with new regulation, the IRB will continue to process submissions with pre-2018 versions of the IRB forms through January 2018.

For any CSULB affiliates interested in learning more about the new research regulations and how the changes will affect your research or your students' research, the CSULB IRB plans to host a workshop in February 2018. The IRB will announce the date and location within the coming weeks. If you have any questions and/or need any assistance, please contact Tiffany Rose via phone, email or visit the IRB office as shown below.

Best wishes with your research projects!



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