

URECA

Summer Fellowships Workshop

What you need to know about Human
Research and the IRB



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*The **Institutional Review Board** is a committee of faculty, staff and community members that reviews research involving people (human participants).*



*If you are **collecting information about people**, you need to contact our office. Examples include:*

- *Interviews*
 - *Surveys*
 - *Focus groups*
 - *Observation of public behavior*
 - *Previously collected data or biospecimens*
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- *Based on **your proposed research activities**, I will determine whether your project meets the definition of human research or not.*
 - *If human research was not your intention, we can discuss ways to **alter your activities** so that your project no longer meets the definition.*
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If you decide to pursue human research:

- *Choose an experienced faculty mentor to be your Principal Investigator*
 - *You and PI must:*
 - ✓ *have current CITI certification*
 - ✓ *obtain eIRB accounts*
 - ✓ *complete an eIRB application*
 - ✓ *receive IRB approval in a timely fashion*
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- *Allow **at least** 4 weeks (after award, spring break, finals, travel plans, etc.)*
 - *Cannot change approved research plan without "amending" the eIRB application*
 - *Local approval also required for some international sites*
 - *EU-GDPR applies in the EU*
 - *Consider culture, language barriers*
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