IRB NEWSLETTER

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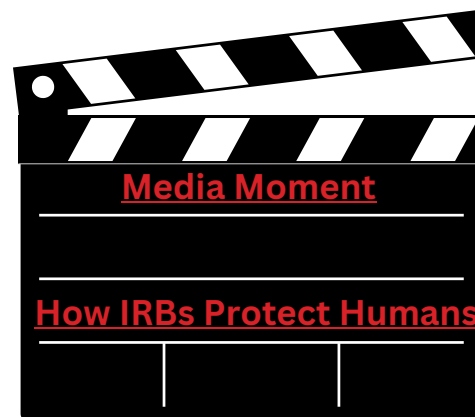
Legacy Protocol Transition
Fully updating legacy protocols into the Kuali forms.

IRB Community Outreach
We can speak at your next group meeting!

IRB Seeks Undergraduate Members
Nominate your students with research knowledge and an interest in research ethics.

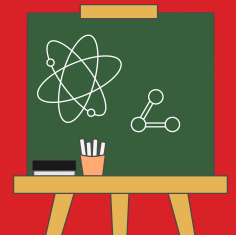**Media Moment**

How IRBs Protect Humans

Fingerprinting & Background Checks

Every adult (age 18+) listed on an IRB protocol working on research activities with minors (age <18) on UMBC property, must complete a background check and fingerprinting to be filed with UMBC's HR/Talent Acquisition. UMBC property includes web-conferencing and UMBC research in locations that do not have official minor protections oversight. The IRB protocol PI's department is responsible for the costs associated with fingerprinting and background checks of the research team. These services are offered by the UMBC Police station (by appointment, $80 pp) and the off campus vendor 1A ($55 pp). Service status/results must be directed to hrbackground@umbc.edu .

SoTL Research

University of Maryland, College Park, the host institution for the Scholarship in Teaching & Learning umbrella IRB protocol, is transitioning to a new IRB management system. To accommodate the transition, they will pause the acceptance of new IRB protocols under this umbrella from December 1, 2024, to December 1, 2025. Existing SoTL IRB protocols will continue to be managed by College Park. New SoTL IRB protocol applications may be filed directly through UMBC's IRB Kuali submission process.
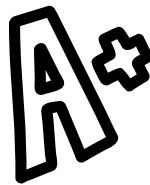
Legacy Protocols

Do you currently have a Legacy IRB protocol? In January 2025, IRB Administrative Staff will contact PIs to request that they fully convert their legacy protocol format to the more dynamic Kuali application. This conversion will streamline future amendment, continuation, and auditing requests for both PIs and the IRB.

IRB & You!

IRB Administrative Staff have been busy educating groups across campus on human subjects research protections and compliance. You may have seen us during Fall 2024 RCR training, an RCAC meeting, the Psychology Graduate Student orientation, a URA Scholars meeting, or a recent HCC FIKA meeting! Email us at IRB@umbc.edu if you'd like us to join your upcoming faculty meeting, research class, or other gathering.

Do you know a stellar undergraduate student with knowledge or experience in research? Would they be interested in a one-year service opportunity supporting human subject research ethics? Please encourage them to apply for IRB Membership! UMBC is unique in allowing undergraduate PIs to write and submit IRB protocols. We would love to match this diversity with undergraduate representation on our Board! Please direct nominations (including self) to IRB@umbc.edu .

Upcoming Full Institutional Review Board Meetings	
Kuali Proposal Due Date	Meeting Date 10am-12pm
January 3, 2025	February 3, 2025
March 3, 2025	April 7, 2025