

IRB Bulletin: September 2024

Announcements

As a part of the Northwestern University IRB Office's initiative to share timely resources and information with the research community, the IRB publishes the Bulletin at the beginning of each month, which contains relevant updates from the IRB Office. You can also find the IRB Bulletin on the [IRB News & Announcements webpage](#). Please keep reading for this month's updates.

New IRB Education: Researcher Onboarding/Offboarding

The IRB Office is proud to be part of a novel collaboration on researcher onboarding and offboarding processes to ensure the seamless transition of research work to and from Northwestern University. This project brings together units from across the institution, including Animal Care and Use, Libraries, Research Development, and more, to jumpstart the onboarding process for researchers new to Northwestern and avoid administrative delays. The project also has an offboarding component that ensures investigators efficiently and compliantly transition away from Northwestern University.

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Anyone with a Northwestern NetID may access the two comprehensive courses in [MyHR Learn](#) by searching "Onboarding for Northwestern Research" or "Offboarding for Northwestern Research" and elect to take any combination of available modules, separated by Class ID codes. Find IRB Office modules under Class IDs "OR-ONBOARD-IRB" and "OR-OFFBOARD-IRB".

The IRB Office modules are also available for public access, without a Northwestern NetID, under the [Education](#) section of our website on our [new! IRB Courses webpage](#). The public access courses may be particularly useful for incoming researchers who want a head start to onboarding but have yet to obtain a Northwestern NetID. Check out other Office for Research and research-related unit websites to see if they have their modules to ensure a smooth research transition process at Northwestern University!

New guidance on Diversity and Inclusion in Clinical Research

The IRB Office's Fostering Accessibility and Inclusion in Research (FAIR) Team is highlighting a guidance from the Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center (MRCT) titled "Achieving Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in Clinical Research" on the [FAIR Resources page](#). This guidance emphasizes the importance of advancing goals for and offering practical and actionable strategies to enhance diverse participant representation in clinical research. The guidance identifies several barriers to the inclusion of diverse populations and addresses potential approaches and solutions to increase diversity. We encourage the Northwestern research community to engage with materials shared on our [FAIR resources page](#) as we work together to think critically about our research work through the lens of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.



Source: Bierer B.E., White S.A., Meloney L.G., Ahmed H.R., Strauss D.H., Clark L.T., (2021). Achieving Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in Clinical Research Guidance Document Version 1.2. Cambridge and Boston, MA: Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard (MRCT Center). Available to download at: <https://mrctcenter.org/diversity-in-clinical-research/guidance/guidance-document/>

UPDATED DOCUMENTS

The following was updated and is now available on the [SOPs Page](#):

- Handling Complaints & Allegations of Non-Compliance (HRP-095)

UPCOMING IRB BROWN BAG

Human Research in the Global Sphere: Export Controls & Research Security Including Foreign Influence

September 18, 2024 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM

[REGISTER HERE](#)



This IRB Brown Bag session will cover export controls, international travel and shipping, and malign foreign influence. It will use case studies and scenarios to provide a framework to: (1) understand how key federal regulations intersect with campus and global activities, (2) identify export control and international compliance red flags, and (3) when to contact the Export Controls & International Compliance team. Please [register](#) to join us!

Please visit our [Events page](#) for details and registration information on this and upcoming [Brown Bag](#) sessions.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Meet Brittanē Garyet

Hello! I am a member of the IRB Office Compliance Team. I am relatively new to Northwestern University, but I have worked in research for many years. I began as an undergraduate Research Assistant for consenting children to participate in cognitive research. After completing my degree, I moved on to review research at academic institutions and the Department of Defense (DoD). I was inspired to work in research primarily due to one of my high school teachers. They shared a documentary on Ebola and that led me to discover “The Hot Zone” by Richard Preston. I found Ebola terrifying and realized research could lead to prevention and mitigation. This led to me working at the DoD where my portfolio included Ebola vaccine studies! I have since worked with several research projects ranging from social behavioral to drug and device studies. Research is crucial for society and a meaningful way to help others. I am thankful to be a part of the research process and hope to promote improved research practices.

In my free time I enjoy playing video games and that is how I met my husband. We now have a toddler and two dogs. As a family we spend most of our time outside exploring parks and trails. I also enjoy baking and sewing. I am currently on the hunt for vegan recipes. Please reach out if you'd like to share any recipes!



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