

Human Research Process Adaptation at Northwestern Qatar *Informational Quick Guide*

What is changing and what is not?

- In addition to the Georgetown University Qatar (GU-Q) Institutional Review Board (IRB) application, Northwestern Qatar researchers will be required to submit a Northwestern University IRB application in eIRB+.
 - eIRB+ is Northwestern IRB's electronic submission and review system.
 - This is the same easy-to-navigate platform Northwestern researchers in Evanston and Chicago utilize.
- Northwestern Qatar researchers will continue to:
 - Utilize GU-Q IRB study document templates (all of which are accepted by Northwestern IRB)
 - Complete GU-Q submissions
 - Partner with local Northwestern Qatar research administration staff, as questions arise

Who is affected?

- All Northwestern Qatar researchers involved in the design, conduct, and reporting of [human research](#).

Why is this necessary?

- Northwestern Qatar researchers must operate in accordance with Qatar and U.S. laws as well as Northwestern University policies.
- Northwestern IRB must maintain a record of human research conducted at all Northwestern and affiliate campuses, including Northwestern Qatar.
- eIRB+ submission triggers the administrative Northwestern Conflict of Interest processes and documentation required for GU-Q IRB review.

When is the effective date?

- **October 29- 31, 2023:** Northwestern IRB representatives will be on campus for a learning and application visit.
- **January 1, 2024:** The new eIRB+ submission process will be required of all Northwestern Qatar human researchers.