

Training & Workload

The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) provides an initial IRB member orientation, a mentor, and continuing education through various venues including regional conferences and updates at regular meetings.

Normally, regular IRB members have one meeting every three weeks on their committee's assigned weekday. Medical IRB meetings are held on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at 1 pm and average about 1.5 to 2 hours in duration.

A member may periodically be asked to serve as an Expedited reviewer for a protocol or as an alternate for a comparably qualified regular member on another IRB, depending on the member's background and expertise.

IRB members report varying time commitments for preparing for the meetings depending on the complexity of the studies, existence of regulatory issues, and organization of the protocol applications (1-5 hours avg.) Members receive access to the materials approximately ten days prior to the meeting.

Eligibility

IRB members are officially appointed by the Executive Vice President for Research.

Non-tenure track faculty, or tenure track Associate Professors or higher are eligible for consideration as an IRB member or IRB alternate

Non-faculty UK staff with scientific and non-scientific backgrounds are also eligible to serve.

Individuals need to be willing to invest the time involved for performing IRB member or alternate responsibilities.

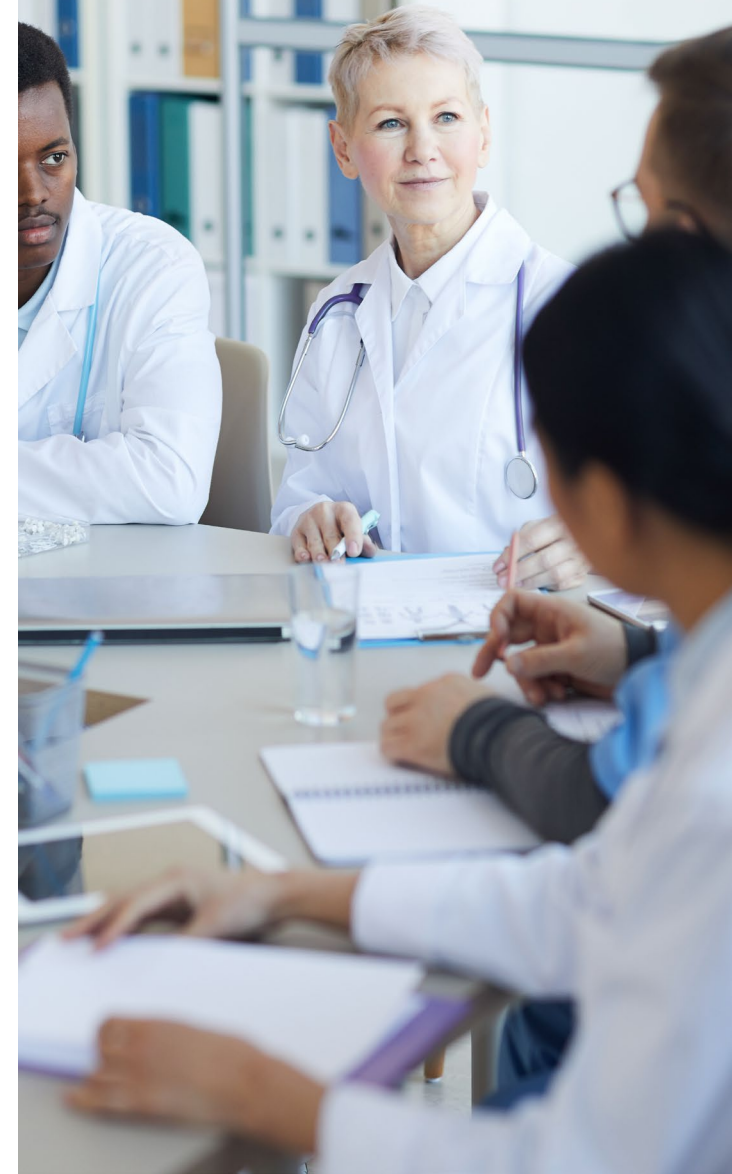
For regular voting members this involves a commitment to regularly attend convened meetings and periodically serve as an Expedited reviewer.

Candidates must also acquire approval from their department chair or individual to whom they report.

Appointment terms are typically for a three-year period.

University of Kentucky Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Medical IRB Membership



IRB MEMBERSHIP

As federally mandated, the IRB is comprised of diverse members with varying backgrounds to promote complete and adequate review of research activities. IRB members learn about a variety of interesting research studies, the ethical issues surrounding human participation, and the mechanisms to protect human subjects. Those who serve as regular IRB members report benefits, from staying up to date on current research regulations and issues to a sense of accomplishment for helping protect research participants.

Facilitating Ethical Research in Human Participants



For more information or to volunteer, contact Pam Stafford at pastaf3@uky.edu or 859-323-7399

To recognize the dedication and service of regular IRB members, each receives an annual stipend (provided to their department's business officer via a designated cost center) that can be spent on their own research project(s) or professional development.

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