



Spotlight Section

[Upcoming committee meetings:](#)

June 19 - IBC Biosafety

June 20 - IRB Social Behavioral

June 26 - IACUC

July 29 - IRB Bioscience

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The Chicken or the Egg?

A faculty member poses a question related to the account activation process. An investigator indicates a problem with getting an activation processed through ORSPA and the IRB. The dilemma is that the first several tasks on the project, such as literature reviews, travel, meetings, and effort are needed to develop the survey instrument before research activities involving human subjects can begin. These tasks require funds and an active account. The catch is that the IRB will not issue a protocol number without reviewing the

questionnaire and Accounting does not like to activate the account without a protocol approval documentation. In effect, this process requires the PI to either pay for initial costs from another account or work for free for weeks/months prior to getting an account number. I have actually had this conversation with my Dean who agrees this is simply poor procedure. It is as if ORSPA and the IRB do not understand the research process and that a lot of work has to go into creating an instrument. Can you shed any light on this?

Answer: [The IRB approval](#)

can be "Just in Time" meaning that the human subjects protocol is submitted and IRB approval just in time to do the actual human subjects research. This does not hold up an award activation and allows the PI to do any of the non-human subjects portion of the project, in this case survey design. The IRB protocol would only hold up an award if the project is doing human subjects research from the start of the project. Contact us for additional information.

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What's New?

The Research Compliance Office (RCO) has added a new section titled Integrity to the website. This compliance provides resources for the Responsible Conduct in Research (RCR) which has nine topical areas that include:

- [Data Acquisition, Management, Sharing and Ownership](#)
- [Conflict of Interest and Commitment](#)
- [Human Subjects](#)
- [Animal Welfare](#)
- [Research Misconduct](#)
- [Publication Practices and Responsible Authorship](#)
- [Mentor / Trainee Responsibilities](#)
- [Peer Review](#)
- [Collaborative Research](#)

With the new directive from NSF that proposals must now address RCR training of graduate students we hope that this site will be an excellent resource for meeting this requirement. The site also contains on-line certification programs in RCR.