URECA
Summer Fellowships Workshop

What you need to know about Human Research and the IRB

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The Institutional Review Board is a committee of faculty, staff and community members that reviews research involving people (human participants).
If you are collecting information about people, you need to contact our office. Examples include:

- Interviews
- Surveys
- Focus groups
- Observation of public behavior
- Previously collected data or biospecimens
Based on your proposed research activities, I will determine whether your project meets the definition of human research or not.

If human research was not your intention, we can discuss ways to alter your activities so that your project no longer meets the definition.
If you decide to pursue human research:

- Choose an experienced faculty mentor to be your Principal Investigator
- You and PI must:
  - Have current CITI certification
  - Obtain eIRB accounts
  - Complete an eIRB application
  - Receive IRB approval in a timely fashion
• **Allow at least** 4 weeks (after award, spring break, finals, travel plans, etc.)
• **Cannot change approved research plan without “amending” the eIRB application**
• **Local approval also required for some international sites**
• **EU-GDPR applies in the EU**
• **Consider culture, language barriers**
For more information, contact

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