

## **IRB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Update Regarding ORED's Excellence in Research Administration (ERA) Initiative 12/1/2016**

As part of ORED's Excellence in Research Administration (ERA) initiative, the [eIRB system](#) has been both upgraded and updated. The eIRB application has been streamlined to remove redundancy and increase efficiency. In addition, the system incorporates the so-called "Huron Toolkit" guidances to facilitate protocol writing and review.

In addition, to support this initiative the IRB is providing three revised protocol templates:

1. One for interventional studies (e.g. randomized outcome studies, CBT, behavioral modification studies, clinical trials, etc.);
2. One for observational, non-interventional, or interactional methodology-based studies (e.g. interviews, focus groups, surveys, educational assessments, etc.); and
3. One for retrospective record/chart review studies.

These new templates will help guide the researcher in providing a robust, informative description of the project; thus providing the IRB with the information it needs to conduct a timely review.

The transition to the updated eIRB system for RBHS schools is scheduled for late **January 2017**.

Roll out of the eIRB system to the rest of Rutgers will begin sometime in late spring. Therefore, we recommend that you begin using these new templates now as you prepare for your 2017 submissions.

**These templates will be the required versions when the updated eIRB system is released.**

[View Templates](#)

Look for further announcements about the eIRB training opportunities.

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