

## **When is IRB protocol approval enough? When do you also need G/IRB approval?**

**IRB** = Institutional Review Board  
**GIRB** = Grant IRB

Most grants and contracts conduct animal and/or human research as part of the stated research. Check the goldenrod page 1 to see what the PI checked if you are unsure. Any action involving this grant or contract from now on will require that you attach proof that the IRB and/or IACUC is current.

### IRB protocol approval

<http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/irb/hsr/index.html>

The researcher is responsible for receiving and maintaining current protocol approval from the IRB prior to conducting any research on humans. This is a fairly lengthy process. The protocol(s) is not yet connected to any particular grant or sponsor. The researcher may have multiple protocols for the different types of research she is conducting.

**If the funding is being processed as a CONTRACT rather than a grant, ie. for subawards to UVA and most Industry Contracts (Grants), then IRB protocol approval is ALL you need.**

### GIRB approval

[http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/irb/hsr/submit\\_grant.html](http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/irb/hsr/submit_grant.html)

When a researcher (PI) as a PRIME AWARDEE, files a grant proposal, she checks on page 1 of the goldenrod whether there will be any human or animal research. If yes, she should write “pending” on the goldenrod.

As soon as the PI receives notification from the (non-industry) sponsor that the grant will be awarded, she then completes the grant submission process – which requires submitting the grant proposal to the IRB. The IRB then reviews the research / science in the grant and link it to the PI’s applicable protocols.

So, for example, a PI may have one grant (GIRB) that is linked to three protocols.

TO RECAP: If PI/UVA is a prime awardee of a non-industry grant award, you need a current G/IRB approval. If the PI/UVA is a subawardee or is receiving funding from industry/corporate sponsor, then you only need current IRB protocol approval.

### IRB Database Search

<http://www.irb.virginia.edu/>

To determine the status of IRB protocol approvals and GIRB approvals, you can search the IRB database by clicking on the link above; click ‘protocol search’; select the name of the researcher and click ‘go’.

This will bring up a summary of all protocol and grant approvals the researcher has. A print of this will NOT suffice for approval documentation – we (Office of Grants & Contracts and OSP) need to see the actual one page approval form that gives the approval date.