John Carroll University

Office of Sponsored Research

CITI Training for Researchers & Sponsors*

The John Carroll Institutional Review Board has selected the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative to provide online ethics training for researchers conducting studies on human subjects starting Fall 2012. The CITI Program is widely used by large universities (such as Case Western Reserve and Cleveland State) and primarily undergraduate institutions (such as Baldwin Wallace and Xavier). The selected required courses are specific to the type of social, behavioral, and education research conducted on the John Carroll campus.

Beginning in Fall 2013, human subject researchers (faculty, staff, and administrators ; sponsors* of student research projects; and student researchers conducting greater than minimal risk projects) will be required to take the following 7 modules, plus 3 electives in the IRB Researcher course in order to submit an IRB application.

Basic Course for Researchers:

1. Belmont Report and CITI Course Introduction
2. History and Ethical Principles – SBE**
3. Defining Research with Human Subjects – SBE**
4. The Regulations – SBE**
5. Assessing Risk – SBE**
6. Informed Consent – SBE**
7. Privacy and Confidentiality – SBE**

Electives:

- Students in Research *
- Research with Prisoners – SBE**
- Research with Children – SBE**
- Research in Public Elementary & Secondary Schools – SBE*
- International Research – SBE**
- Internet Research – SBE**
- Research and HIPAA Privacy Protections
- Vulnerable Subjects: Research Involving Workers/Employees
- Conflicts of Interest Involving Human Subjects

*Sponsors of student research projects will be required to complete the IRB Researcher course with "Students in Research" substituting for one of the electives.

**Social, Behavioral, Education research focus

Quick information on CITI:
- Researchers may take more than three electives if desired.
- A short quiz with a passing score of 85% follows most modules.
- The course is expected to take 4-6 hours to complete.
- The IRB office will receive notification of completion. Users can also print out a report.
- CITI training is transferable; training completed at another institution will be accepted here.
- After a three-year period, a refresher course will be required.
- Based on the project, some electives may be required (e.g., "Research with Children" for those greater-than-minimal-risk projects using children as research subjects).

Researchers can begin the CITI Program by registering at **www.citiprogram.org** to create a user profile. Each profile consists of a user name, password, email address, and affiliation. The course can be completed over several sessions and quizzes can be repeated without penalty to achieve a passing score.

For questions or assistance, contact Research Compliance at 397-1527. Additional information can be found on the John Carroll's CITI page: **http://sites.jcu.edu/research/pages/citi/**