



## Harvard University Area IRB Monthly Newsletter

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### NIH DMSP Training Now Available

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“To promote the management and sharing of scientific data generated from NIH-funded or conducted research”, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently published a comprehensive data sharing policy known as the [NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy](#) (DMSP). The policy will take effect on **January 25, 2023**. With this policy, researchers must submit a plan on what they will share, how it will be shared, and how long it will be shared. This policy pertains to new NIH funding as well as competing funding.

Here are some great ways to prepare for the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy:

- **Attend an online Harvard RDM Mini-Workshop.** Happening during Summer 2022, min-workshops will be held on Wednesdays at 12 pm EST throughout the summer to learn about the various aspects of data management that will allow you to comply with the policy successfully. Offices from across the university will provide their expertise and outline their services available to help. Find out more here - <https://researchdatamanagement.harvard.edu/news/data-experts-respond-nih-data-management-and-sharing-policy-online-rdm>
  - **Watch the NIH Two-Part Webinar on Implementing the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy.** Registration is now open for this 2-part series, A Conversation with NIH: Implementing the New Data Management and Sharing Policy. In this series, policy experts will break down what the policy means for you and discuss key factors to consider when sharing data. Register here - <https://sharing.nih.gov/about/learning/DMS-Update>
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## Are You an Undergraduate Planning to Conduct Research with People?

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Undergraduate students at Harvard are encouraged to become deeply involved in the research life of the University. There is a vast array of opportunities for students at all experience levels to participate in academic inquiry, from research assistantships to independent projects. Frequently, these research projects involve interactions with and/or identifiable data about human beings as participants. While some undergraduate research activities that involve human participants require approval from the IRB many others do not.

The [Harvard Undergraduate Research Training Program \(URTP\)](#) is a comprehensive platform to create better-prepared undergraduate researchers. The URTP is comprised of [research ethics training sessions](#), [a student-focused curriculum](#), and an [online decision form](#) that will assist students in determining whether their project requires IRB review.

***An important aspect to note - Taking part in the URTP is an expectation of all undergraduates who are planning to conduct research with people.***

To find out more about the URTP and access the many, many resources, check out the URTP Portal here - <https://cuhs.harvard.edu/urtp-portal>

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## Do You Speak IRB?



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## What it means to be a Faculty Sponsor

For individuals who are not eligible to be a [Principal Investigator](#), a Faculty Sponsor is required. A Faculty Sponsor must be eligible to be a Principal Investigator at their respective school and must be willing to accept the same responsibilities as a Principal Investigator.

So, what does this mean?

In addition to completing the [Faculty Sponsor Assurance process](#) in ESTR, the

Faculty Sponsor must confirm that they will oversee the research and ensure that the listed Principal Investigator complies with all IRB requirements:

- Ensuring that there are adequate resources to carry out the research safely.
- Ensuring that Research Staff are qualified.
- Submitting to the IRB any reportable new information within five business days.
- And other responsibilities.

You can find the full list of Faculty Sponsor responsibilities in the [ESTR](#) Library under the tab “Ancillary Review and Other Reference”.

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