



PNNL Institutional Review Board Human Subjects Research Program

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Education / Training

Human Subjects training is mandatory at PNNL for all principal investigators and key staff involved in the conduct of human subjects research ([Director's letter July 1, 2003 \(PDF\)](#)).

On October 1, 2000, The National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued a [notice requiring documentation of education](#) for all researchers and project key staff who are submitting NIH applications for grants or proposals or receiving new or non-competing awards for research involving human subjects. NIH will not award funding until it has received formal documentation of training that is certified by the IRB. It is anticipated that other funding agencies will soon enforce the same requirements.



Therefore, applications for initial and continuing review will no longer be accepted by the IRB without documentation of current training for principal investigators and key project staff. The NIH program provided below satisfies educational requirements for PNNL and for sponsors such as the Department of Energy and National Institutes of Health.

The NIH program will provide a certificate of completion. Principal investigators are responsible for providing documentation of training to the IRB for themselves and for those they designate as key project staff on a bi-yearly basis. The IRB will provide notification when training is due. To register for the initial core training or continuing education courses go to the NIH site at:

NIH Training Site: <http://cme.cancer.gov/c01/>

The IRB provides topic-specific training as required or by request. A human subjects field advocate program is under development at PNNL in areas subject to these regulations and requirements. In time, it is expected that the field advocates will assist in the topic-specific training as it relates to the research conducted in their departments. Staff interested in participating should contact the IRB office for further information.

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