

# How to Create and Submit an Application for ECU to Rely on an External IRB

ePIRATE Training



This tutorial shows you how to create and submit an application for ECU to rely on an external IRB.

You will only be able to create this application if you have completed the ePIRATE registration process and can login to the ePIRATE system. Tutorials on these processes can be found on our [“How Do I?”](#) website.

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## Home

Welcome to ePIRATE, the electronic Portal for Institutional Research at East Carolina University.

This site enables East Carolina University to manage all aspects of Institutional Review Board (IRB) compliance processes.

Click on **Dashboard** in the upper left hand corner of this screen to create a study, create and edit your **Profile**, and perform other actions on existing research studies.

**\*\*\*UPGRADE NOTIFICATION: ePIRATE was upgraded on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.** The biggest change that existing users will notice is with the *look* of the IRB application smartform. The "Jump To" menu has moved to the left side of the screen and several other navigation tools on the application pages have been moved. Please review the following 5 minute tutorial explaining this newest upgrade: [ePIRATE Upgrade](#)

**\*\*\*9.11.2020:** Existing research studies that are changing their method of paying

IRB Submissions

# Page for UMCIRB UMCIRB

## My Roles

- IRB Submissions
- Faculty Advisor/Supervisor Approvers
- New Registered User

Welcome to your Personal Page, the starting point for all interactions with this site. Note the following:

- **Inbox** - Items appearing here may require immediate action by you to speed your submission through the review process. Click on link to process an item.
- **Monitor** the progress of your submissions using the Inbox and IRB tabs.
- Use the **Profile** tab below to create and edit your profile. This is where you will enter the date you completed your IRB training modules which is a requirement for all investigators conducting human subject research.
- **Quick Links** in the lower left corner of this screen provide templates for consents, IRB Conflict of Interest (COI) Disclosure form and other templates and forms you may need to upload during the submission process. To complete the submission process more quickly, design and save documents so they are ready for upload as you move through

## Create

Click the "New Study" Button

## Please note:

To complete this application more quickly, make sure you have all consents, flyers, questionnaires, protocols, etc. prepared and available for upload prior to creating your study. Utilize Quick Links below to find templates and other tools.

## Quick Links

- Consent Form Templates, COI Disclosure Forms, HIPAA Templates and other tools

Inbox IRB Studies Templates Profile

Displays all items which require action by the study team. Click on links for more information.

Filter by <sup>?</sup> Name

Name	Date Modified	Type	Owner	State	Last State Change
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1 Study Identification

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# Creating New: Study

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## Study Identification Information

This is the first step in your Human Research Application. You will automatically be guided to the appropriate page views needed to complete your submission. If a question is not applicable to your study, you may state this as your response. Please read the help text located on the right side of the page throughout this application.

1.0 \* Study Name (Short):

Tutorial Study

The short name is limited to 255 characters.

2.0 Study Name (Long):

Most other boxes do not have any limits on the number of characters.

3.0 \* Summary:

This

Methods/P

Fill in all relevant information. Red asterisks mean that there must be an answer provided.

The Exit button will return you to the main study workspace. You will be prompted to save before exiting the form.

The Save button will save your work on the current screen view.

The Continue button will save your work and take you to the next page that needs to be completed.

A set of options will appear in this area of each screen view.

✕ Exit    📁 Save    Continue ➔

ePIRATE uses a logic based branching system to determine which screen views need to be completed for all submission types (including studies where an external IRB will act as the IRB of Record). Clicking the “Continue” button shown in the previous slide will always take you to the next screen view that must be completed based on your responses so far.

Screen views requesting information on members of the study team, roles and responsibilities of those study team members, funding information, potential conflicts of interest and study locations will always be required.

A special “External IRB” screen view will also be required (screen view 1.53).



1 Study Identification

All study team members must be added in screen view "1 Study Identification". Entering a partial name in a field will open a list of potential registered users matching the information you enter. You can also click the "... " to open a larger list with more details.

4.0 \* Principal Investigator:

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5.0 Faculty Investigator (Serving as the responsible individual in the oversight of the research study when the PI is a student, resident, fellow or visiting faculty.)

[...]

Faculty Investigator IRB Certification Renewal Deadline:

6.0 Study Coordinator or Contact Individual:

[...]

7.0 Contact Individual(s) (if different from Study Coordinator or Principal Investigator):

umcirb| [...]

First	Last	Department	Division	Profile	IRB Certification Renewal Deadline
UMCIRB	UMCIRB				

There are no items to display

8.0 Sub-Investigators:

[...]

Last Name	First Name	Organization	Profile	IRB Certification Renewal Deadline
There are no items to display				

9.0

Other Study Staff - (Read-Only):

[...]

Exit

Save

Continue

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"add" button choose from individuals applicable

People added will be able to manage the study.

Clicking the button allows you to choose individuals that are already registered in ePIRATE. The function will only show individuals not registered in ePIRATE yet.

Other study staff may include...

Validate Compare



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## Study Staff Roles and Responsibilities

- 1.0 \* Click on the UPDATE button beside each person's name to provide the responsibilities for each study staff member:

Name	Role	Responsibilities
UMCIRB UMCIRB	Principal Investigator	

 Update

*This section is mandatory. The Responsibilities of all team members listed should be provided or the application will be returned to you.*

Roles and responsibilities must be assigned to all study team members in screen view "1.1 Study Staff Roles and Responsibilities". Clicking the "Update" button next to a study team member's name will open a menu.

Exit

Save

Continue

### Edit StudyPersonnelData

Person:  
UMCIRB UMCIRB

Main Role on Study:  
PI

\* Roles/Responsibilities:

Letter Choice	Responsibility
<input type="checkbox"/> a.	Screens potential participants
<input type="checkbox"/> b.	Obtains Informed Consent
<input type="checkbox"/> c.	Conducts physical exams
<input type="checkbox"/> d.	Enters data on paper research records
<input type="checkbox"/> e.	Data management
<input type="checkbox"/> f.	Collects data/specimens
<input type="checkbox"/> g.	Dispenses medications
<input type="checkbox"/> h.	Administers P.O. medications
<input type="checkbox"/> i.	Addresses Regulatory issues
<input type="checkbox"/> j.	Communicates with IRB
<input type="checkbox"/> k.	Administers IV Meds
<input type="checkbox"/> l.	Prepares Study initiation activities
<input type="checkbox"/> m.	Enters patient data into electronic research records
<input type="checkbox"/> n.	Educates participants, families, or staff

Clicking the checkbox next to an individual responsibility will assign them that role. There is also an "Other" option where custom roles and responsibilities can be entered. Click "OK" to save.

\* Required

Validate Compare

1 - Study Personnel & Funding

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    - 2.0.5 Student Participants

4.0 \* Describe the research setting, listing any safeguards in place for participant safety:

This study is created to show different functions within ePIRATE.

director of the facility.

Research involving military personnel or within the prison system may require additional IRB approval from IRBs related to those entities (i.e., the NC Department of Corrections has an IRB that must grant approval when prisoners will be involved in research; and, depending on the branch of the military, other IRBs will need to review and approve research involving military personnel).

When you get to screen view 1.5 (Study Locations), you will select "Yes" for question 6.0 (Will an external IRB act as the IRB of record for the study?).

5.0 \* Is this a multi-site study being conducted at other sites national or internationally?

Yes  No [Clear](#)

6.0 \* Will an external IRB act as the IRB of record for this study?  Yes  No [Clear](#)

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2.0.1 Study Population

2.0.1.1 Exempt Study Population

2.0.2 Children (Child

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## External IRB

1.0 \* External IRB:

2.0 IRB Authorization Agreement: (if no existing agreement covers this study)

+ Add

Document	Description
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There are no items to display

3.0 Approval letter from external IRB:

[None] Upload

4.0 Approval date by external IRB:

5.0 Expiration date by external IRB:

6.0 Select appropriate Bio-Medical methods and procedures for this study:

Name

- Procedures/methods that require Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) or Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) (such as recombinant DNA/RNA, viral vectors, infectious agents, biotoxins, CDC select agents, carcinogens, human cell lines, human blood/serum/tissue manipulated in non-clinical areas, etc.)

7.0 Protocol:

Exit

Save

Continue

Screen view 1.53 will document the name of the External IRB, collect completed IRB Authorization Agreements and approved study related documents. IAAs must be signed by a representative from the External IRB's institutions and the Institutional Official for research at ECU. The UMCIRB office can assist with getting IAAs signed form ECU. Once this page is complete, "Continue" through the remainder of the External IRB application.



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## Final Page

If you have completed your application, click "Finish" to finalize and exit the application. **This action does NOT submit the application for review**, it just means you have finished editing the application at this particular time.

For those studies that are being submitted for review and approval by the UMCIRB:

1. All research personnel/team members must login to ePIRATE and click the "Agree to Participate" button ePIRATE will allow a study to be submitted.
2. A submission may only be submitted to the UMCIRB Principal Investigator. To do this, the Principal Investigator must login and click the "SUBMIT STUDY" button under My Activities for this Study ID:UMCIRB 18-001624.

For those studies that are being submitted for acknowledgment of the use of an external IRB:

1. Research personnel/team members are not required to click "Agree to Participate" before ePIRATE will allow a submission to be submitted.
2. A submission may be submitted by any listed team member. To do this, the team member must login at ePIRATE and click the "SUBMIT STUDY" button under My Activities for this Study.

You can track the ongoing status of your submission by logging into the study workspace.

Please wait until you receive your final approval/acknowledgement notice prior to beginning your study and feel free to contact the

Instead of Continue, the Final Page will have a Finish button. This saves your work and returns you to the main study workspace.

Please Note

**This does not submit your study for review. It only closes the form and saves your work.**

Exit

Save

Finish

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Request Participant Agreement

Agree to Participate

## Study: Tutorial Study ( UMCIRB 21-001255 )

Description: This study has been created to show various functions within the ePIRATE system.

Principal Investigator: UMCIRB UMCIRB

Study Coordinator:

Funding Type: No Funding

Review Type: Exempt

Sponsor:

ePIRATE will not allow studies to be submitted for External IRB review unless all required questions in the form have been answered.

History

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Change Log

Agree to Participate

This area shows instructions and questions and important notifications regarding this Study.

Filter by ?

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Created Study

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Exempt

Once all required questions have been answered, the "Submit Study" button formally submits the study for review. If there are missing responses in the form or other issues, the system will provide an error message with instructions on what must be completed in order to submit the study.

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**Investigator Assurances:**

I certify that all information provided in this application represents an accurate description of the intended human research activity.

I agree to follow and abide by all policies and procedures, as well as by all federal, state and local laws concerning the protection of humans in research, including, but not limited to:

- Implementing no changes in the approved research methods or consent form without prior approval of the University & Medical Center Institutional Review Board (UMCIRB);
- Conducting the research using only the qualified personnel listed on the approved protocol;
- Ensuring that all key personnel have completed human research protections training and have attested to follow the research project as approved;
- Submitting a continuing review (if required) at least 30 days prior to the end of the current approval period, as required by federal regulations;
- Notifying the UMCIRB of any unanticipated problems that are serious or more severe than anticipated, related or possibly related to the research, and unexpected, either in severity or frequency, within five (5) working days.
- Reporting all deaths which can be attributed to or possibly attributed to participation in the research within two (2) working days.
- Immediately notifying the UMCIRB upon suspension or termination of the study or the expected departure of the Principal Investigator from this Institution.

I understand that as Principal Investigator, I assume full responsibility for the conduct of the study, and for the protection of the rights and welfare of humans involved in this research.

If this research study is being conducted under the approval of an External IRB, clicking "OK" below indicates that all information provided in this application represents an accurate description of the intended human research activity and that all policies and procedures, as well as all federal, state and local laws concerning the protection of humans in research will be followed, including, but not limited to:

- Conducting the research using only the qualified personnel as listed in the electronic application and ensuring these personnel have completed human research protections training.
- Providing all updated, amended or revised protocols, consent forms, assent forms, surveys/questionnaires and any other documents regarding the approved research methods to the University & Medical Center Institutional Review Board (UMCIRB) via the electronic application.
- Providing study renewal or closure information prior to the end of the current approval period via the electronic application.
- Notifying the UMCIRB of any major protocol deviations or unanticipated problems within five (5) working days via the electronic application.
- Immediately notifying the UMCIRB upon suspension or termination of the study.

**Required Department Approvals:**

There are no items to display

*If you have finished filling out your application and selected the department(s) to review it, then click OK. After you click OK you will no longer be able to edit the application. You will receive email when each approval is granted or refused, and again when all the required approvals are received.*

*If you are not ready to submit your application, click Cancel.*

I agree with the above statements \*

Click the checkbox to the left and click "OK" to submit the study for review.

The information contained on the submission screen in the previous slide is extremely important as it lays out the terms an investigator is agreeing to in undertaking the proposed human subjects research.

Where the study routes first following submission will depend on whether a study requires Ancillary Review. If Ancillary Review is required, all Ancillary reviewers will receive an email notification to review the study. Once they have all approved the study, it will arrive in the UMCIRB office queue to validate the use of an External IRB. If no Ancillary Reviews are required, the study will go straight to the UMCIRB office queue for validation.

The study team must wait for email notification from ePIRATE verifying the External IRB application has been validated.