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Department Name Change

We are the department of Human Research Protections & Integrity in ORPC.

Celebrating URCAD

Many undergrad researchers presented their IRB-approved projects!

Minors in Human Subjects Research

ORPC and HR have collaborated on an update to security measures.

ResearchMatch

UMBC has partnered with ResearchMatch to connect researchers to participants.

Visit Us in August!

ORPC staff will showcase our support services at the Academic Resource Fair!



Looking Ahead...

If you are interested in serving as an IRB Member now, or in the future, HRPI will be launching a new Interest Form.

HRPI



While ORPC supports various areas of compliance, the staff who provide administrative support to our IRB now comprise the Human Research Protections & Integrity (HRPI) department. This name update provides distinction between the IRB Membership (who scientifically and ethically review protocols), and the ORPC staff that support the administrative functions of UMBC's IRB. Key personnel in HRPI are Tory Williams (IRB Manager), Emily Redding (IRB Compliance Specialist), and Mary Lilly (IRB post-approval monitoring & support). Please continue to reach HRPI staff by emailing IRB@umbc.edu.

Congratulations to all students who presented their hard work and research skillsets at the 2025 UMBC Undergraduate Research & Creative Achievement Day (URCAD) in late April. HRPI staff enjoyed watching students showcase their projects, especially after supporting many of the student PIs in developing their respective IRB protocols. The day's activities also provided opportunities for HRPI staff to network with various UMBC Faculty Advisors and PIs.

URCAD



Minors in Research



PIs of new protocols (& amendments) that indicate the involvement of minor participants, are asked to complete a supplementary Google Form with additional information about minor interactions. The form responses will be reviewed by Human Resources. The HR Background Check Specialist will contact the PI with guidance on any needed next steps. HRPI & the IRB must receive confirmation from HR, on the research team's background checks & fingerprinting clearance, before the respective protocol can be approved. Please contact hrbackground@umbc.edu with any questions.

UMBC is newly affiliated with ResearchMatch (RM). RM is a nonprofit program funded by the NIH that helps to connect people interested in research participation with researchers recruiting people into health-related studies. PIs conducting health-related research can learn more about RM, and join as a Researcher, by [clicking here to visit their site](#).

ResearchMatch



Come speak with HRPI staff at the **Academic Resource Fair** on Monday August 25, 2025 in the RAC (11:15am-2:30pm)!

Do you have a non-Exempt IRB protocol?

Post approval monitoring (PAM) is underway for non-exempt research. Additionally, if you are closing your study, you may be asked to complete a PAM review. We will continue to communicate with our current and future PIs on what to expect, and [how to prepare for PAM review](#). Related questions can be directed to compliance@umbc.edu.

Upcoming Convened IRB Meetings

Full Board Review Protocol Due Date	Meeting Date 10am-12pm
September 5, 2025	October 6, 2025
November 3, 2025	December 1, 2025