

Office of Research Compliance guidance on becoming a member of an Ohio University
Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Ohio University relies on the diverse expertise of faculty from all departments for membership service on the Social Behavioral IRB and Biomedical IRB. Prospective IRB members may be identified by the Deans and Directors of University departments and recommended to the Office of Research Compliance or an individual who is interested may directly volunteer. Potential members receive guidance from the Office of Research Compliance staff as to the nature and demands of IRB service and are invited to observe an IRB meeting during their consideration of membership. After agreement to join, new members will undergo an orientation provided by the Office of Research Compliance staff and receive an appointment letter from the Institutional Official. IRB members are appointed for a three-year term, which may be renewed. There is no limit to the number of times a term can be renewed.

If you are interested in becoming an IRB member for the Social Behavioral IRB or Biomedical IRB, please contact the Office of Research Compliance by email (compliance@ohio.edu) or by calling (740) 593-0664. Our staff members are eager to answer any questions you may have.