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Office of Research Compliance guidance for investigators interested in using SMART IRB to determine IRB reliance relationships in multi-site human subjects research

Ohio University has joined over 700 institutions in streamlining IRB oversight for researchers conducting multi-site studies through SMART IRB. Through a SMART IRB Master Common Reciprocal Authorization Agreement, reliance arrangements between collaborating institutions can be determined and documented, paving the way for easier collaboration and adherence to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Policy on the Use of a Single Institutional Review Board for Multi-Site Research.

Investigators interested in requesting IRB reliance through SMART IRB can find additional guidance and resources on the SMART IRB website, www.smartirb.org/go.

Investigators can request a Login Username and Password for the Online Reliance System at <https://reliance.smartirb.org/invitations/new>.

To download a PDF of Ohio University's SMART IRB Standard Operation Procedures, please click this link, <https://webcms.ohio.edu/sites/default/files/2020-07/SOP%20SMART%20IRB%20Final%205-18-2018.pdf>.

To see a list of all participating institutions in SMART IRB and for more information, please click on the link to the SMART IRB website, www.smartirb.org. If you are interested in more information about using SMART IRB at Ohio University, please email compliance@ohio.edu or call (740) 593-0664.