

The Beacon

Research Integrity News



Expedited vs. Full Board and Turnaround Time

The Research Integrity office aims to be as quick and efficient as possible. Researchers should always allow four-six weeks between the time of original submission to final approval. It is important to take into consideration the need for additional documents, time for IRB members (who are faculty with their own teaching and research priorities) to review submissions, for the RI office to provide feedback to the researchers and for revised documentation to be submitted in response. This back and forth can sometimes take a while to finalize.

Expedited reviews refer to categories of review that involve lower risk to the participants. This review does not equate with “quickly.” However, it does move faster than having to go to full committee. At least two IRB members review an expedited study versus a full member review of a category C protocol.

Full board reviews apply to studies with a higher level of risk to the participants. These projects are reviewed at the monthly committee meeting by all of the IRB members. If your research falls into this category, you will need to submit before the designated deadline in order for your project to be reviewed at that month’s committee meeting. To view the deadline and meeting dates click [here](#).

NOTE: Researchers must use the IRBNet Portal to submit **any and all research related documents** with the exception of the “Determination of Human Subjects Research” form which operates on a case-by-case basis. For instructions on how to register and use the IRBNet Portal, click [here](#).

