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Mission

The Office of Research Integrity ensures research at Ball State University is in compliance with university policies and with applicable provisions of federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The ORI provides guidance to the BSU Research Community for research issues like:

- Conflict of Interest/Conflict of Commitment
- Human Subject Participation
- Use and Care of Animal Subjects
- Biosafety
- Radiation Safety
- Lab Safety
- Controlled Substances

The Office of Research Integrity also offers a number of services for students, faculty, and researchers, including:

- Training and education
- Class/group presentations
- One-on-one or small group consultations
- Technical support for researchers
- Online guidance materials
- Online resources

New Developments

IRB: Our office has recently created a list of best practices when using Social Media in your research project. If you’re planning to use Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Google Plus, or another social networking site, check out our suggestions under the Education and Training tab of the ORI website.

IACUC: The American Veterinary Medicine Association (AVMA) recently released the 2013 Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals. It can be found on the ORI website, under IACUC resources.

Two new CITI Training courses are now being offered: Working with Fish and the IACUC Community Member course are now available at www.citiprogram.org.
Educational Materials Available Online!

In the past month, the ORI has gotten a high volume of questions from researchers about navigating the submission process. Our office has a number of resources available to student and faculty researchers. We recently launched the Education Gateway section of the website, which provides all of our instructional materials—including handouts, presentation slides, and user manuals—in one conveniently-located spot. Our most recent addition is a narrated version of our IRB Training Presentation. Check out the Education Gateway under the Education and Training section of the ORI website.

Classroom Presentations

The Office of Research Integrity offers a number of classroom presentations on topics such as what qualifies as a research project, how to submit a project through IRB, and more information about the Institutional Review Board. Feel free to call our office for more information or submit this short form to request a presentation.

Peer Education and Outreach Available!

Our Graduate Assistants are now offering peer education opportunities through the ORI. Both GA’s have office hours on Mondays (9-11) and Tuesdays (2-4), so feel free to drop by with questions regarding your research protocol. We also offer training sessions to groups and classrooms on information like submitting a protocol through IRBNet or determining whether or not your project qualifies as Human Subjects Research. We are also in the process of creating audio version of these presentations, if you are unable to make the training sessions. The first one has just been launched on the website. If you’re interested in any of these resources, please contact our office or fill out the Training Session Request form on the ORI website.

Visit the ORI Website for…

Answers to questions about the responsible conduct of research
Educational tools for faculty, staff and students
Help navigating the research process
Contact information for Graduate Assistant office hours

www.bsu.edu/researchintegrity
Projects in Progress

Our office has been busy with a number of new projects this month. We have been working hard, researching the latest in social media policy. We have also been creating an up-to-date, user-friendly IACUC manual.

In the works, we are also continuing to update the Lab Safety and Security portion of our website as more information becomes available. Right now, you can view our Laboratory Safety Training Presentation under the “Resources” section along with other educational materials. Stay tuned for additional updates regarding lab safety as the semester progresses.

Significant Financial Conflict of Interest Form

ATTENTION ALL RESEARCHERS: Since the implementation of the Aug 24, 2012 new Significant Conflict of Interest (SFCI) regulatory requirements, many non-Federal organizations and funding groups have adopted (or are adopting) the Federal SFCI disclosure requirements as part of their funding processes. As such, you may be required to have a SFCI disclosure on record or submitted during the grant application process. Please check with each funding agency/organization you are submitting a grant application to, to see if this is a requirement you will need to address. If yes, please fill out and file the SFCI form available on this website, through channels, to the ORI. All such submissions will be handled the same way as the Federal SFCI disclosures.

Meet Our Staff!

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Laboratory Safety Updates—Campus Wide ChemTracker Initiative

In the late part of 2012 and the early part of 2013, the Laboratory Safety and Security Committee (LSSC), in conjunction with the BSU Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) began a campus-wide initiative to inventory and track all chemicals used on campus. This process was started as BSU’s continuing efforts to improve chemical safety on campus and to ascertain a comprehensive and accurate inventory of chemicals stored and used on campus. BSU has partnered with ChemTracker as part of this endeavor. ChemTracker is a software system that helps manage chemical inventories, user access, and other such services. The first several phases of this process have been completed and we are moving into the last two phases; cataloging and registering users/owners and inputting a complete campus-wide chemical inventory into the system. The current goal is to have the registering users/owners phase complete by the end of Summer 2013 and have a complete chemical inventory uploaded into ChemTracker by the end of the 2013 calendar year. For more information, please see:

http://cms.bsu.edu/about/administrative/offices/facilities/ehs/envhealth/chemmgmt
http://chemtracker.stanford.edu/

Upcoming Summer Projects

A newly-forming Conflict of Interest/Conflict of Commitment (COI/COC) working group will begin re-examining BSU COI/COC policies. These policies will supplement the current BSU policy concerning Federally funded research (Significant Financial Conflicts of Interest). This group will be comprised of a mix of faculty, ORI staff, and administration representatives. More information will be forthcoming as this process progresses.

During the summer months, the ORI and the various research review committees, such as the IRB, IACUC, and IBC, will begin updating current policies and procedures. These will reflect changes in regulations and new interpretations of Federal guidelines. Part of this process will also include the development of new researcher guidelines, FAQ’s and good business practices, such as the use of social media in research. More information will be forthcoming as this process progresses.

PRIM&R Webinar - June 11

The Office of Research Integrity will be hosting a PRIM&R webinar on Tuesday, June 11, from 1:00-2:30 PM, entitled Convergence of Biomedical and Social/Behavioral Research: Implications for IRB’s and Investigators. Topics will include use of electronic medical records for research, physicians conducting survey research, fMRI research, and many others. Please contact our office to register or for more information. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by May 31, 2013.

IRB Summer Meeting Dates

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The Office of Research Integrity is hosting a Webinar by PRIM&R

There is growing overlap between biomedical and social, behavioral, and educational research (SBER), and conventional wisdom about the distinction between these two research domains is outdated and progressively misleading. Applications submitted for institutional review board (IRB) approval often combine both types of studies, and research teams frequently include both biomedical and social/behavioral researchers. The future of research is increasingly interdisciplinary, and IRBs are advised to prepare their application triage systems as well as review panels accordingly.

Risk/benefit assessment becomes especially complicated by the overlap of these two domains. To appropriately assess the risk and benefit in any given application, IRBs must have relevant expertise; this is applicable to full board and especially to expedited reviews. Traditionally, IRB offices are tasked with triaging applications to biomedical or SBE panels to ensure sufficient knowledge in the respective domain to conduct appropriate and efficient reviews. When the research crosses disciplinary domains, however, it may be unclear which panel has the requisite expertise.

Presenters will use case studies from their work as investigators, IRB members, and ethics consultants in interdisciplinary research with references to regulatory frameworks. Examples of risk/benefit assessment and IRB triage of interdisciplinary applications will include:

- Social scientist's use of electronic medical records for research
- Use of medical records as sample frames for traditional survey research
- Physicians conducting survey research
- Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) and tissue bank data linked to survey data
- fMRI research of (social) psychologists and others
- Research involving twins
- Kinesiology/exercise science research

Please **RSVP** by May 31, 2013

Call 765-285-5052 or email orihelp@bsu.edu

(Location to be determined based on attendance)