

Memorandum

To: University Research Community
From: Andrés G. Gil, Vice President for Research 
Subject: Upcoming IRB Quality Assurance Program
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The Division of Research has developed an IRB Quality Assurance Program (IRB-QAP) The IRB-QAP will go into effect during the first quarter of 2013. Protocols will be randomly selected by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI), but protocols may also be included at the request of the FIU IRB, the Vice President for Research, or the University Compliance Officer.

Implementation of the IRB-QAP will strengthen human research protections, demonstrate FIU's commitment to continuous improvement in research compliance, evaluate human research protections at varying levels, and acquire information necessary to enhance protections and confidentiality procedures. The IRB-QAP will also assess FIU's level of compliance with federal, state, and institutional regulations. Additionally, it will provide useful information to identify educational/training initiatives for researchers, their staff, ORI staff, and IRB members.

More information about the IRB-QAP will be posted on the FIU IRB website within the coming months.

If you have any questions about this new program, please contact Christopher Grayson, Director of Research Integrity at 305-348-8379 or via email at graysonc@fiu.edu.