Frequently Asked Questions for Researchers

Please also see the University's FAQ Page

External Funding Concerns

The Office of Research Services would like to provide our research community with the most current

Information available related to the outbreak and the impact on the awards. The following is a list of resources as provided by a number of federal agencies and partners:

- Council on Government Relations (COGR) FAQ's COVID -19 Impact on Federal Awards
- https://www.cogr.edu/faqs-regarding-covid-19s-impact-federal-awards
- Office of Management and Budget: https://www.cogr.edu/sites/default/files/M-20-11.pdf
- National Institutes of Health (NIH): FAQ's COVID-19 Flexibilities for Applicants and Recipients: https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm?anchor=question55752
- National Science Foundation (NSF): FAQ's About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for National Science Foundation (NSF) Proposers and Awardees: https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20053/nsf20053.jsp?WT.mc_id=USNSF_80"

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Areas of Compliance

Human Subjects Research

With the status of my IRB approval be affected?

No, the LUC IRB has not changed any of its policies or procedures related to the oversight of human subject research. The Board understands that some researchers may choose to put their work on "pause", but at this point that is a decision to be made by the Principal Investigator. If the Principal Investigator wishes to make modifications to the IRB approved procedures, then an Amendment application should be submitted to and approved by the IRB. Detailed instructions for requesting approval of an amendment are online at: https://cap.luc.edu/Help/amendment%20userguide.pdf

Can I still interact with my research subjects?

Yes, however the Board recommends that any government imposed restrictions be followed as well as appropriate safeguards to limit exposure to and the spread of the COVID-19.

Do I need to modify my consent form to include the risks of COVID-19 if there will be in-person interactions?

The IRB hasn't required any immediate changes to the consent procedures or form related to the COVID-19. However, researchers that believe procedures involved with their studies increase the risks related to the COVID-19 can add appropriate information to the consent materials. This is done by an amendment to ongoing projects or incorporation into the proposed consent materials for new projects.

Will the IRB be meeting to review my application?

Yes, the IRB will continue reviewing applications and holding monthly meetings according to the established meeting schedule.

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We will continue to have more updated information posted on this page, as soon as it becomes available.

Thank you, ORS Staff