Human Subjects, Animal Research and Lab Safety Resources

**Research Compliance**  HU CFAR developmental awardees must follow all regulations and policies to ensure that their research complies with University policies and procedures. Visit the Harvard Office of the Vice Provost for Research for information: [https://research.harvard.edu/research-policies-compliance/](https://research.harvard.edu/research-policies-compliance/)

**Human Subjects**  To help streamline the IRB review process and eliminate the unnecessary repetition of IRB reviews across sites, the NIH requires the use of a single IRB (sIRB) of record to conduct the ethics review for non-exempt human research studies. As the HU CFAR is funded by the NIH, this policy applies to all non-exempt studies that receive funding from the HU CFAR. For recipients of HU CFAR conducting non-exempt research, the CFAR will be required to enter into a reliance agreement with your home institution. For more information on what comprises human subjects research and IRB approval requirements, visit the following website: [https://vpr.harvard.edu/2021/05/18/human-subjects-irbs/](https://vpr.harvard.edu/2021/05/18/human-subjects-irbs/)

**Animal Studies**  If your HU CFAR-funded study involves the use of vertebrate animals, you must obtain and submit to the HU CFAR a signed IACUC approval letter and protocol. The approval will be vetted through the Harvard IACUC office by HU CFAR staff. For more information on the use of vertebrate animals in research and IACUCs, see the following website: [https://research.harvard.edu/2021/02/04/animal-studies/](https://research.harvard.edu/2021/02/04/animal-studies/)

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