

Collaborations with Other Institutions

When PSU researchers collaborate with researchers at other institutions or organizations external to PSU, under certain conditions the PSU IRB may serve as the IRB of record for those institutions or organizations, or the PSU IRB may cede review to another IRB. Either may be accomplished via the execution of an IRB Authorization Agreement (IAA).

For PSU to execute an IAA, either when serving as the IRB of record or when ceding review to another institution's IRB:

- An external institution/organization must have an active FWA with OHRP.
- An eligible PSU researcher must agree to be the PSU PI of record, and accept responsibility for the protection of human subjects in the study.

In order for the PSU IRB to enter into an IAA with an external institution/organization to serve as the IRB of record, there must be an active PSU IRB file with the work of the external institution/organization described in the narrative.

When the PSU IRB cedes review to an external institution's/organization's IRB via an IAA, the PSU researcher must complete and submit to the PSU IRB:

- Certificate of completion of the PSU CITI training on the ethical use and treatment of human subjects in research.

Upon receipt of these documents and the executed IAA, the PSU IRB sets up an administrative file for the study and notifies the PSU researcher that PSU IRB approval has been granted to involve human subjects in the study.