Office of Research Compliance

Human Research Protection Program

Responsibilities: IRB Chair

The IRB Chair facilitates the research mission of Binghamton University by ensuring that review of human subjects research adheres to the ethical standards outlined by federal and state regulations, AAHRPP, and the policies of the University. The Chair reviews protocols, conducts IRB meetings, and communicates IRB feedback to investigators. The Chair works collaboratively with board members and research administrators to maintain and improve the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) and promote an ethical research climate at the University.

Responsibilities:

- Provides information to investigators about the need for IRB review and IRB perspectives.
- Relays information about faculty and investigator concerns or needs for IRB guidance to the IRB or the Assistant Vice President for Research Compliance.
- Presides over meetings of the fully convened IRB and ensure that the IRB carries out its duly authorized responsibilities as required by federal regulations, ethical principles, state laws and University policy.
- Reviews and approves protocol submissions that qualify for exempt or expedited review pursuant to federal regulations, ethical principles, state laws and University policies, or delegate such authority to a qualified and experienced IRB member to conduct such review and approval.
- Ensures that membership of the IRB is recruited, appointed and oriented such that the IRB is duly qualified to fulfill its obligations to review, require modifications to, approve (or disapprove) research protocols.
- Serves as a liaison between the HRPP and the University research community to promote communication and understanding of the concerns of the IRB and the research community.
- Ensure that reports related to safety, noncompliance, unanticipated problems in research and adverse events are reviewed, attended to and reported pursuant to federal regulations, state laws and University policy.
- Responds to local and federal investigations relating to protocols and actions, as required.
- In conjunction with the Assistant Vice President for Research Compliance, develops and revises HRPP and IRB policies, procedures and guidelines to stay current with regulatory changes and national best practice standards.