

# IRBNews

Office for the Protection of Human Research Subjects

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## AAHRPP Re-Accreditation Process Underway

ETSU is one of only three organizations in the state of Tennessee to be currently accredited by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP).

Earning AAHRPP's "gold seal" offers assurances to anyone involved in human subjects' research that our program is focused on excellence and ethical, sound research.

The ETSU IRB staff has been working on our AAHRPP submission for re-accreditation since January, 2015, by holding weekly meetings throughout the year to conduct a thorough self-assessment. These meetings and the subsequent work resulted in a document over 2200 pages long, which is used to show how ETSU meets each of the standards necessary for AAHRPP accreditation. AAHRPP's extensive standards list can be found at the following link:

<http://www.aahrpp.org/apply/resources/procedures-and-standards>

AAHRPP has reviewed our initial submission, asked for some minor changes and clarification, and has now scheduled our site visit. During this visit, which will take place in September 2016, AAHRPP site visitors will interview key personnel in ETSU'S human research protection program (HRPP). Those interviews will include researchers, IRB members, and others involved in our HRPP.

This is a busy yet exciting time for ETSU as we work towards once again earning this seal of excellence for ETSU's Human Research Protections Program.

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