



Welcome New HRPP Director

Following a national search, we are pleased to welcome Katie Sellers as the new Director of the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) within the Office for the Protection of Human Research Subjects, effective July 15, 2019.

Katie joins us from University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus, where she served as an IRB Manager for the Colorado Multiple Institutional Review overseeing primarily pediatric clinical research protocol review. She began her career in human research protections at Mississippi State University in a social, behavioral, and educational research program. She boasts diverse experience in IRB support, resolving complex ethical and compliance issues, and developing and administering human subjects protection policies and procedures. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Mississippi University for Women.

The Human Research Protection Program is integral in protecting the rights and welfare of human subjects who participate in research at East Tennessee State University and its affiliates. As an AAHRRP-accredited institution, it is our mission to uphold the highest ethical and programmatic standards in the conduct of human research. We strive to provide protection to human subjects while facilitating a timely and efficient review of research for our students, faculty, and staff.

Please extend a warm welcome to Katie Sellers in her new leadership role with the ETSU IRBs and HRPP. She is located on the 4th floor of Ross Hall with the rest of the excellent IRB team.

Welcome to Students

The Office for the Protection of Human Research Subjects wants to welcome back students to a new school year. Many of you will be submitting IRB applications in order to meet academic and graduation requirements. The following information will be helpful to you:

- If you are not sure if you need ETSU IRB approval, please use the [Form 129](#) to get a determination. Once submitted via email, you will receive an answer within a week.
- All other IRB submissions are electronic through the IRBManager system. You must [request access](#) to the system and receive training to submit.
- Plan ahead to ensure enough time to complete training, submit for review, and incorporate reviewer feedback prior to approval. Approval in writing must be obtained before starting the research.
- Your Faculty Advisor will help you with the IRB review process and must sign off on your submission for the process to begin.
- Visit the ETSU IRB [website](#) for more guidance, FAQs, and information.

Feel free to set up an appointment to discuss your research questions. The IRB Department is located on the 4th floor of Ross Hall, just four doors down from the Culp Center.



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