

How to Become a Principal Investigator: Fast Facts for Nurses

The Johns Hopkins Medicine Institutional Review Boards (JHM IRBs) are responsible for protecting the rights and welfare of the human subjects in research conducted by faculty and staff at the Institutions. The JHM IRBs review all human subjects' research projects conducted by Hopkins faculty and staff.

Eligibility for Nurse Principal Investigators (PIs)

To be eligible to become a PI on a nursing-initiated study protocol, a registered nurse (RN) in The Johns Hopkins Health System must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum one-year non-trainee work experience within the Johns Hopkins Health System
- Written endorsement from Director of Nursing or designee confirming employment in good standing
- REWARDS training and all other required training specified by the Johns Hopkins Medicine Office of Human Subjects Research
- Evidence of prior research experience as a co-investigator (co-I) on at least one IRB-approved human subjects research study

IRB Training to be Completed Prior to Submitting Study Proposal to IRB

REWARDS Training

The Research Ethics Workshops about Responsibilities and Duties of Scientists (REWARDS) program is designed to address key concepts in human subjects' protection in specific research communities. REWARDS combines lectures and small group discussions to provide practical information on the ethical issues involved in research protocol development and implementation.

New Principal Investigators must complete their requirement to attend REWARDS within one year from the date of their first eIRB protocol submission as a PI. **PIs must attend 2 workshops to fulfill their training requirement.**

IRB Compliance Training Courses (PIs and all study team members) can be found on the IRB website.

For further assistance, information and help with your IRB questions, please contact The Center for Nursing Inquiry at nursinginquiry@jhmi.edu