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You will find us at http://grad.mnsu.edu/irb/

As always, please do not spend hours looking for something. Give me a call (5102) or e-mail (irb@mnsu.edu) if you cannot find the information you need, find mistakes on our web site, need help, and/or have suggestions.

I am available to come to your classes and give presentations regarding any IRB issue you would like. I can come to your office to help with IRB issues including how to use IRBNet. We can chat on the phone. This semester I will be available in ML 88 on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM. Come see me there.

Mary Hadley, IRB Coordinator

FORM CHANGES

Changes have been made to the Application Form and the Consent Form Check List. If you are using a saved copy of either of these forms, please download the newer versions. Please make it a habit to download the application form from IRBNet each time you submit a new proposal.

Survey Tool

The University no longer supports Survey Monkey and has replaced it with Qualtrics. Qualtrics is a much more secure survey tool and IRB recommends that you use it in place of Survey Monkey. http://www.mnsu.edu/its/academic/qualtrics.html

Graduate Student

The current graduate student board members will be graduating in May (Congratulations). The Board is seeking two new graduate student members. Preference will be given to students who are familiar with the principles of responsible conduct of research. Please send a letter indicating your interest in joining the board along with at least one letter of reference from an MSU faculty member. Be sure to include evidence of familiarity with the principles of responsible conduct of research in your letter. No e-mail. Send your letter by March 28, 2014 to:

Dr. Mary Hadley
Chemistry and Geology
FH 241
New Graduate Assistant

The IRB will be posting an ad soon seeking a new graduate assistant.

The Graduate Assistant will provide administrative support to the Coordinator of the IRB, which ensures the safe and ethical treatment of human participants in research projects sponsored by Minnesota State Mankato faculty and staff. Duties will include attending monthly IRB meetings, record keeping, preparing IRB meeting agendas and minutes, maintaining the IRB web site, and other duties as assigned by the IRB Coordinator.

Enrollment in a graduate program at Minnesota State Mankato; excellent communication skills; knowledge of word processing applications; ability to keep accurate records; attention to detail. Must be available for Friday 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM meetings

Preference will be given to students who are familiar with principles of responsible research conduct. Tuition waiver for 4.5 credits and $2,750 stipend.

Please alert any students you feel are qualified to keep a look out for the posting. We hope to have the position posted the week before Spring Break. See http://www.mnsu.edu/hr/jobpost/ for the position announcement and application instructions.

Waiver of Informed Consent

Under 45 C.F.R. 46.116(d), the IRB may waive informed consent if the IRB finds and documents all of the following four factors:

The research involves no more than minimal risk to the subjects;

The waiver or alteration will not adversely affect the rights and welfare of the subjects;

The research could not practicably be carried out without the waiver or alteration; and

Whenever appropriate, the subjects will be provided with additional pertinent information after participation.

It should be noted that this criterion states that the research could not practicably be carried out without the waiver or alteration. Put another way, it would not be practicable to perform the research (as it has been defined in the protocol by its specific aims and objectives) if consent was required. The emphasis being that it is impracticable to perform the research, and not just impracticable to obtain consent.