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On March 21, 2018, the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP) announced that the University of Florida has been awarded full Accreditation status. UF joins almost 250 institutions worldwide demonstrating that we have extensive safeguards in every level of our research operation, adhere to high standards for research, and can be trusted to not only protect research participants but also produce accurate, reliable results.

An independent, non-profit accrediting body, AAHRPP uses a voluntary, peer-driven, educational model to ensure that human research protection programs (HRPPs) meet rigorous standards for quality and protection. To earn accreditation, organizations must provide tangible evidence—through policies, procedures, and practices—of their commitment to scientifically and ethically sound research and to continuous improvement.

As the "gold seal," AAHRPP accreditation offers assurances—to research participants, researchers, sponsors, government regulators, and the general public—that an HRPP is focused first and foremost on excellence.



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