**Background:** UF’s Human Research Protection Program was first accredited by AAHRPP in March 2018 and was awarded full accreditation for 3 years. We are now due for reaccreditation, in which AAHRPP will determine if we are to be reaccredited for 5 years.

**Evaluation:** AAHRPP (*Pronounced A-HARP*), the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protections Programs, reviews and accredits HRPP programs for organizations conducting human subjects research.

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Accreditation standards are divided into **3 Domains:** Organization, IRB, and Investigators. These standards meet and in some cases exceed the usual federal requirements. AAHRPP evaluates structure, process, and outcomes via our policies, forms, checklists, websites, application system, etc.

**UF HRRP:** Human Research Protection Program (HRPP): our collective efforts to protect research participants is formalized in our HRPP. AAHRPP evaluates our entire program, not just the IRB. This includes our CTSI, Research Integrity/COI, Contracts & Grants, Office of Clinical Research, Investigational Pharmacy, and most significantly, our investigators & research staff.

**Process:** UF initially accredited March 2018 for 3 years. Seeking reaccreditation for 5-year cycle.

- **March 2020:** UF submitted initial 1072-page reaccreditation application
- **August 2020:** After AAHRPP review, UF submits 1282 final application
- **December 2020:** Site Visit agenda and Interviewees announced
- **January 13-15, 2021:** Site Visit
- **March 2021:** AAHRPP Council announces reaccreditation status

**Next Steps:** **AAHRPP Re-accreditation and the upcoming site visit is a cross-campus effort!** AAHRPP will interview select researchers, research staff, and research administrators from various UF units engaged in human subjects research.

**Help your College/Unit prepare NOW for the site visit:**

- Re-familiarize yourself with the UF HRPP and IRB Polices, Guidelines and Guidances.
- Be prepared to share your knowledge of UF Human Research Protection Program
- Be prepared to explain how your research activity follows UFs and federal Human Research Protection Policies and Procedures

**Resources:**

- **UF HRPP and AAHRPP Reaccreditation Webpage:** [https://research.ufl.edu/research-operations-services/hrpp.html](https://research.ufl.edu/research-operations-services/hrpp.html)
- **IRBs Policies, Guidelines and Guidances Website:** [http://irb.ufl.edu/index/irb-policies-guidelines-and-guidances.html](http://irb.ufl.edu/index/irb-policies-guidelines-and-guidances.html)
- **AAHRPP:** [http://www.aahrpp.org/](http://www.aahrpp.org/)

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