

UF Human Research Protection Program AAHRPP Reaccreditation & Upcoming Site Visit



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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 600 Institutions AAHRPP Accredited, Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 70% of Universities AAHRPP Accredited• 85% of Medical Schools AAHRPP Accredited
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 Florida Institutions are AAHRPP Accredited (including UM, USF, UCF, FDOH, etc.)	

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: **H**uman **R**esearch **P**rotection **P**rogram (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 Policies, 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>
- IRBs Policies, Guidelines and Guidances Website: <http://irb.ufl.edu/index/irb-policies-guidelines-and-guidances.html>
- AAHRPP: <http://www.aahrpp.org/>

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